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inertia, norms of teaching and learning, and concepts of national

culture that obstruct the mastering of foreign languages or the acceptance of cultural, ethnic or linguistic diversity.