

## Croke Park Agreement - Decision lies with members

Frontline teachers working in classrooms all over the country will now have the final say on the outcome of talks between the ASTI and the Department of Education and Skills on the Croke Park Agreement.

At its meeting on Saturday, January 22, the ASTI's Central Executive Council (CEC) decided, by an overwhelming majority, that:

*The Public Service Agreement (Croke Park), as clarified in the document "Outcome of ASTI/ Department Talks", be put to a ballot of members without a recommendation.*

The decision to accept or reject the Croke Park Agreement, as clarified in the talks, now rests with each member of the ASTI.

The comprehensive document **Outcome of the ASTI/ Department Talks** has been issued to members and is available on the ASTI website. In addition, questions received by members about how the Croke Park Agreement applies to second-level teachers/ schools have been posted on the ASTI website - [www.asti.ie](http://www.asti.ie). Members are urged to read this material before voting.

Ballot papers have been issued to members' home addresses. Members should vote as soon as possible. The closing date for receipt of ballot papers is **Monday, February 7th, 5.30p.m.**

### Make your vote count by voting on time

Accepting the Croke Park Agreement means:

- ◆ Extra 33 hours annually
- ◆ Extra period on Supervision and Substitution rota
- ◆ Provision of cover if a teacher takes your class away
- ◆ Changes to redeployment arrangements

It also means:

- ◆ Consultation and consensus on the 33 hours
- ◆ Adherence to existing Department Circulars on Posts of Responsibility
- ◆ No compulsory redundancies (300 second-level teachers currently in 'surplus' positions)
- ◆ No pay cut before 2014 (ASTI can withdraw from Agreement if this changes)
- ◆ Retirement lump sum based on 'uncut' salary until end of February 2012

**Make sure you return your ballot paper on time**

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**Remember, if your ballot paper does not reach Head Office on time, it cannot be counted.**

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**Your ballot paper should be with you no later than Monday, 31st January**

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# Vote



The ballot on the Croke Park Agreement affects **you**

**Your** job security

**Your** pay and conditions

**Your** profession

Use **your** vote

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**If you have not voted yet, vote now.**