

To: Each School Steward

3rd October, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

Recently appointed teachers have been targeted by government with further reductions in pay and by placing them on a separate pay scale. ASTI Standing Committee has decided to make the restoration of a single pay structure for all teachers, a core policy issue for ASTI.

In recognition of the particular hardships that these pay cuts are having on newly qualified/ appointed teachers and as a gesture of trade union solidarity with them, Standing Committee has decided to waive the ASTI membership subscription fee for one school year for teachers who join the ASTI this year and **who commenced teaching on or after 1st February 2012.**

You are therefore requested to hand one of the enclosed forms to each teacher on your staff who was appointed to a teaching position **for the first time since 1st February 2012.** The form should be given to **non-union members** (who may now be eligible for one school year's ASTI membership without subscription) and to teachers who **recently joined ASTI** (who may now be eligible for a refund of this school year's membership fee if already paid).

This arrangement applies only to those who apply on or before 31st October, 2012.

Note: An ASTI membership application form must also be completed and returned. This form can be downloaded from the ASTI website www.asti.ie.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Yours sincerely,



Pat King
ASTI General Secretary