To: All School Stewards

Re: Climate Change

Dear School Steward,

At its August meeting, Standing Committee passed the following motion:

That the ASTI call on school management bodies and local school management to facilitate students and teachers to collectively take part in the 'School Strike for Climate Action' global day of action on 20th September.

In the first instance, I would ask that the management in your school be approached with a view to securing the necessary facilitation as set out in the motion.

ASTI is urging its members to support this international protest in furtherance of action on climate change.

The event is spearheaded by students from many countries and will involve demonstrations and other initiatives around the country.

We would ask members to get behind events in so far as possible as details emerge locally.

Further details will be provided on the SCAN website <u>https://www.schoolsclimateaction.ie.</u>

Although the word 'strike' is being used to describe the day of action, workers are not able to take formal strike action for legal reasons. In that context, and as teachers are required to perform their assigned duties on the day, it is hoped that local school management will be in a position to facilitate the participation of teachers in this important event.

Your every effort in support of the day of action will be appreciated.

Please bring this notice to the attention of ASTI members in your school.

Best regards

Kieran Christie General Secretary

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