



## INFORMATION NOTICE

Dear School Steward,

### **Pay Inequality Issue:**

At its recent meeting, the Central Executive Council of ASTI passed the following motion. *“In view of the rejection of the “Agreed measure to address salary scale issues under Section 4 of the Public Service Stability Agreement (PSSA) 2018-2020” by both the ASTI and the INTO, that in the event that the INTO ballots its members on industrial action on this matter, the ASTI conducts a parallel ballot.”*

Accordingly, members can be reassured that the ASTI continues to seek to have the issue finally and fully addressed, working in conjunction with our colleague teacher unions. We are committed to ending this discriminatory treatment.

- Note: TUI already has a mandate to take industrial action.

### **Subject Learning and Assessment Review Facilitation Training:**

A further decision taken at the CEC meeting stated as follows:

*“That ASTI advise members not to undertake any SLAR facilitation training that takes place outside of normal school tuition time.”*

ASTI issues this advice in the context whereby teachers are being frequently asked to undertake CPD in their own personal time.

### **Special Educational Needs:**

Further to the advice issued to members in December 2018 regarding Special Educational Needs, ASTI can offer the following clarification to members.

*The advice does not impinge on current arrangements in place for students with special educational needs or any adjustments that become necessary during the year. These include differentiated teaching, feedback and assessment, assistance with communication, visual supports etc.*

*The advice issued is essentially a strong reaction to the bureaucratic requirements as set out under the terms of Circular letter 0014/2017.*

### **Irish Exemptions:**

Another motion passed by the Central Executive Council recently states the following:



*“That the ASTI advise its members not to do any standardised testing work or personal pupil plans for application for exemption in Irish until adequate CPD and allocation of time for such work are both in place.”*

ASTI members are so advised until the terms of this motion are met.

Adequate CPD provision and the lack of time for such work to be undertaken need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

In addition, we are currently seeking a meeting with the Department of Education and Skills in the context of the implementation of the terms of Circular letter 0014/2017 and all related matters.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Christie', is written above a horizontal line.

Kieran Christie  
General Secretary

29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019