

Dear School Steward,

Ballot: Equal Pay for Equal Work

At this stage, you should have received the ballot material for the school-based ballot regarding Equal Pay for Equal Work. I am writing to ask that you immediately check that all the material is in order.

In particular, I would ask that the ballot paper is checked and that it states as follows:

“Are you willing to take industrial action up to and including strike action, for equal pay for equal work, to be taken in conjunction with one or both of the other teacher unions and as directed by ASTI Standing Committee?”

This is because ASTI has become aware that one school was inadvertently provided with incorrect material.

If you notice any errors or discrepancies, please contact Head Office at 1850 418400 or email ballot@asti.ie

School Stewards/ returning officers are being asked to distribute and collect the ballot papers between 10th and 16th March. Members also have the option of returning their ballot papers directly to ASTI Head Office. The closing date for receipt of ballot papers in ASTI Head Office is 5.30 pm on Thursday 19th March. Please make sure you return your ballot papers early. Post can take several days.

Teaching Council Elections:

Upon receipt of this letter the current Teaching Council Elections will be drawing to a conclusion. If you have not done so yet, please vote for ASTI endorsed candidates as follows:

Vote **Miriam Duggan** if you work in a **Community or Comprehensive school**.

Vote **Niall Duddy** if you work in a **Voluntary Secondary School in the Ireland North constituency**.

Vote 1, 2 in order of preference for **Pauline Nagle and Kathleen Burke** if you work in a **Voluntary Secondary School in the Ireland South constituency**.

Please encourage all of your colleagues to **Vote for their ASTI Endorsed Candidate** too.

A useful way to do this which has been adopted in some schools has been to hold a "polling day". This entailed all teachers present in the staff room taking out their phones at morning break and voting simultaneously. It is an approach that might be considered in your school to ensure maximum support for ASTI endorsed candidates.

Best regards,



Kieran Christie
General Secretary

6th March, 2020.