Recruitment: ASTI

Dear School Steward,

At the outset, I want to thank you on behalf of the ASTI for acting as School Steward in your school for the 2023/2024 school year. Your service is greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of each school year, it is important that new teachers are actively recruited to the ASTI. The greater the density of ASTI membership in schools, the stronger our voice will be.

Please find enclosed a variety of materials to assist you and your colleagues in performing this vital function.

In the first instance, I would ask you to have a look at our enclosed publication *Recruitment* to *ASTI - Advice for School Stewards* which contains practical ideas on how best to approach this task.

We also include useful publications that can be distributed to prospective new ASTI members including a *New Teachers' Guide* which explains the structures of our Union in detail and lists the advantages of joining the ASTI. A variety of other useful publications, a poster and noticeboard sign are also included to assist in your campaign.

I would particularly emphasise that one year of free membership of the ASTI is available to those commencing their teaching career.

These documents should prove a useful resource in providing information relating to ASTI campaigns and the services we provide for members.

A number of promotional items are also provided to add to the visibility of the ASTI in your school.

I am acutely aware that the early days of the academic year are particularly hectic. However, notwithstanding your already sizeable workload, I thank you in advance for your work in recruiting new members to the ASTI.

Best regards,

Kieran Christie General Secretary

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