

**Re: TUI Dispute Action.**

Dear School Steward,

I write again further to the Teachers Union of Ireland's announcement of one day of strike action regarding the on-going pay inequality issue on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. As previously notified, ASTI members will not be on strike on that date.

**Updated Advice – Frequently asked questions**

Please find attached updated advice for ASTI members regarding the TUI strike day on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It should be noted that all advice is provided in the context that ASTI members will operate the normal protocols for workplaces where there is more than one union during the strike day. In essence, this means that no member of ASTI, including principal teachers, deputy principal teachers and/or other post holders may undertake any duties that are normally done by colleagues who are members of TUI.

**Colleagues who are non-union members:**

Non-unionised employees may ask for guidance from ASTI members as to what to do on the day of the strike. They should be referred to their employer. Every opportunity should be taken to seek to recruit teachers in this category who are eligible for membership of the ASTI, by handing them a recruitment form and inviting them to join.

**Campaign for equal pay - update:**

In addition, and further to Standing Committee and Central Executive Council of ASTI meetings of recent days, a number of important decisions have been made.

In pursuit of our long-term campaign for equal pay and in the context of ASTI's welcome of the TUI strike day on February 4<sup>th</sup>, ASTI is calling for a National Protest Day across the three teachers unions in solidarity with lesser paid teachers and the continued injustice they endure.

ASTI will also be taking out national newspaper advertisements in order to outline our on-going campaign for equal pay for equal work. We are also in the process of organising a solidarity protest in Dublin on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Notably, a ballot of ASTI members for industrial action up to and including strike action, to be taken in conjunction with one or both of the other teacher unions, is to be held.

All of the foregoing underlines the fact that the unequal pay issue remains the top priority for ASTI and must be addressed.

Best regards,



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General Secretary

27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

***Please bring this letter and accompanying leaflet to the attention of ASTI members in your school.***