To: Each School Steward

Information Notice

Dear School Steward,

Following a decision by ASTI Convention 2017, the following directives are being issued to members:

Substitution Directives

"ASTI members are hereby directed to withdraw from all unpaid classroom substitution, covered by the Supervision and Substitution Scheme, as comprehended by the terms of Circular Letters 0006/2014 and 0042/2014, with effect from the first day of the school year 2017/2018."

In addition, Standing Committee decided at its meeting of 4th and 5th May 2017 to issue a further directive. The text is as follows:

"ASTI members are hereby directed not to indicate their availability for any periods of substitution in accordance with Appendix 1 of Circular Letter 0042/2014 for the 2017/2018 school year. Members should only indicate suitable times for undertaking supervision duty."

Notes:

The directive requiring withdrawal from unpaid classroom substitution only applies to periods comprehended by the Supervision and Substitution Scheme.

For example, approved absence on school activities, self-certified sick leave absences, the first day of absence on force majeure leave etc.

However, and for instance, the directive does not apply to periods associated with reassignment within timetabled hours as agreed under the Public Service (Croke Park) Agreement 2010-2014 (often referred to as windfall hours)

Further, it does not apply to periods that may arise to cover for colleagues who are absent on casual / personal leave.

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

Best regards,

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Kieran Christie General Secretary

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