



TUI-090114-PM

25th March, 2009.

**TO: Second Level VEC and C&C Representatives
Second Level VEC and C&C Branch Secretaries
Executive Committee**

Re: Clarification of Directive

Dear Colleague,

On March, 20th, all members were directed:

To withdraw from the following activities with effect from Tuesday, 31st March

- (a) Parent/teacher meetings outside of school time;
- (b) Staff meetings outside of school time;
- (c) School development planning meetings.

A number of clarifications have been sought from this office in regard to this directive and the following are intended as clarifications. These clarifications are being given in co-operation with ASTI.

The only parent/teacher meetings referred to in part (a) of the directive are those set out in circular M58/04 i.e. three formal parent/teacher meetings per year which commence at 4.15 p.m. and conclude at 6.45 p.m. There should therefore be no such meetings outside of school time.

The staff meetings referred to in part (b) of the directive are those set out in circular M58/04 i.e. one staff meeting per term held half in and half out of school time. Staff meetings may continue to take place but must conclude at the end of normal school time.

The school development planning meetings referred to in part (c) of the directive refer to meetings additional to timetable hours held with the specific purpose of preparing/developing The School Plan. It does not include inservice days/workshop sessions conducted by the school development planning initiative inservice team for which teachers are freed from normal teaching duties. Post-holders with responsibility for school development planning should continue to carry out their duties.

Whole School Evaluation and Subject Inspections:

The ASTI and TUI have written to the Chief Inspector asking that WSE and subject inspections be set aside for a period of time in the context of the education cutbacks.

The industrial action set out above continues notwithstanding the deferral of the strike called for 30th March. This directive has effect from 31st March, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Peter MacMenamin
General Secretary