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UPdate



5 July 2018

Kia ora,

Possible stop-work action

NZEI Te Rui Roa has announced the rejection of the Secretary for Education's initial offer for teachers and principals as part of the negotiations for the Primary Teachers' and Primary Principals' Collective Agreements. Following the rejection of the offer, stop-work action is a possibility if the dispute can't be settled.

Whilst this would primarily affect schools covering Years 1-8, some secondary schools (Years 7-13), schools with specialist units and some RTLBs (if under the primary collective) could also be impacted if they have staff covered by either of these agreements.

NZEI Te Rui Roa has previously signalled stop-work action for the afternoon of 15 August 2018 between 1:30pm and 4:30pm. It will soon ballot its members as to whether or not the stop-work action should be a full day on 15 August. Formal notification of stop-work action needs to be given three days before the proposed action. That means it may not be confirmed until around 11 August.

Regardless of whether it is three hours or a full day, your school will need to start planning for this, including thinking about whether or not the school will remain open for instruction during the proposed stop-work action.

We are working closely with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to compile a resource for schools that will provide complete guidance should the stop-work action eventuate. We anticipate that this will be made available within the next week.

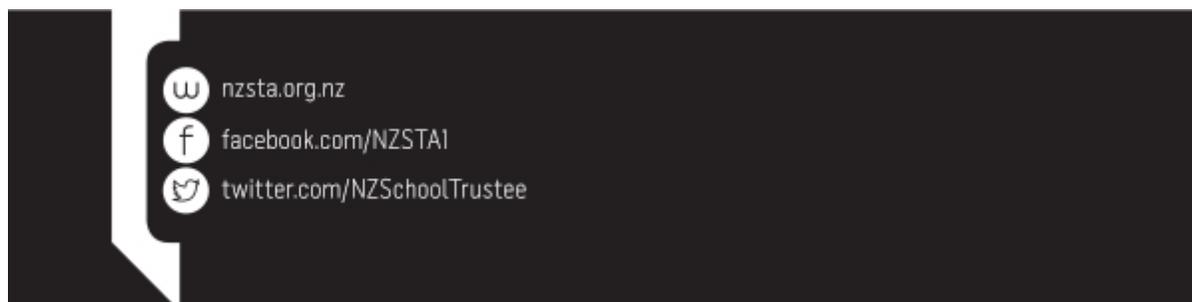
NZSTA will continue to represent boards at any further meetings between MoE and NZEI Te Rui Roa in the hope that the matter can be resolved short of stop-work action.

For further assistance please call us on 0800 782 435 or email eradvice@nzsta.org.nz.

Kind regards,

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