

PAY TALKS FAIL TO MAKE PROGRESS – STRIKE ACTION NOW TO BE CALLED

The NASUWT has been in discussions with the representatives of the States Education Board (SEB) in an effort to find a resolution to the ongoing pay dispute. Members have received regular updates on the Union's engagement with the SEB.

At a meeting held on the 4th February 2019, it appeared that some progress was being made and the NASUWT was hopeful that at a further meeting scheduled for 11th February, a resolution could be achieved.

It is, therefore, deeply regrettable that between the meeting on the 4th and the 11th the position of the SEB on the pay dispute deteriorated, and at the meeting on the 11th an inferior proposal was brought to the meeting which would have left teachers still receiving a substantial real-terms pay cut across 2018-20, compounding the erosion in pay over the last decade.

In the light of this, and backed by the strong mandate from members in the recent industrial action ballot, the NASUWT believes there is no choice but to move to strike action in furtherance of this dispute.

The employer will be notified today that all NASUWT members will be instructed to take a day of strike action on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Further details of arrangements for the day will be sent to members shortly.

The NASUWT deeply regrets that strike action is necessary. However, a strong message to the SEB is needed to ensure that it takes seriously the concerns of teachers and lecturers about their pay and that year-on-year cuts cannot be tolerated.

The NASUWT very much hopes that the SEB will reflect on its position and use the time before the 26th February to negotiate seriously with the NASUWT in order to find a resolution to this dispute.

No further meeting dates have been offered by the SEB, but the NASUWT stands ready to engage should a meeting be called.

It is essential that all members now prepare themselves to participate in the industrial action. Only this will demonstrate to the SEB your deep concerns about your pay and the failure of the SEB to recognise your concerns.

Separate information will be sent to members about the arrangements for the strike action. Please ensure that your membership details are up to date, including your personal email address, so that you can ensure you receive information directly and speedily.

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