19 January 2015

Dear Member,

We have been advised by the ASTI and the TUI that their members have been directed to take strike action again on 22 January 2015 and that pickets will be placed on all schools, colleges and education centres where TUI or ASTI members are employed on the day.

The TUI and ASTI have not applied for an all out picket at this stage. In such situations members of unions other than those involved in the dispute are expected to work normally. This is fully understood by unions taking action and the reverse would apply if IMPACT was the union in dispute. Therefore, in accordance with standard Congress procedures you should attend for work as normal unless you are directed by your employer to remain at home. Under no circumstances should you undertake any work or duties that would normally be done by any of the ASTI or TUI members on strike. We do of course wish our TUI and ASTI colleagues well in their efforts to achieve a resolution.

A copy of this directive will be sent to the ASTI and the TUI and to the employer representatives for their information.

Yours sincerely

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