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SCHOOLS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS – COUNCIL DETERMINES NEXT STEPS

At its meeting on Saturday 22 October, Branch Council considered the current state of the ETD Teaching Staff EA negotiations. Careful consideration of the reports and much discussion resulted in the following Decision of October Branch Council:

Branch Council reiterates its commitment to a just and reasonable EA outcome in the interests of retaining and attracting the best teachers to the ACT public school system so that our students continue to have the highest quality public education possible. Council condemns the failure of the ACT Government to have available a further offer to AEU negotiators at this week's EA meeting between the AEU and ETD. Four weeks have passed since the AEU provided the Minister with a clear statement of the framework required to achieve in principle agreement on a settlement. The delay in framing a further offer, together with the Minister's withdrawal of his acceptance to attend today's Council meeting appear to suggest that settlement of the ETD Teachers' EA is not a priority for the Government or the Directorate.

Settlement of a just and reasonable EA is still a priority for AEU members. In the event that there is no further offer for consideration at the next negotiation meeting on 26 October, Council directs members to implement a program of rolling 2-hour stoppages across the School Networks as follows:

*North/Gungahlin & Belconnen Network: 8.30-10.30am, Monday 7 November
South/Weston & Tuggeranong Network: 8.30-10.30am, Tuesday 8 November*

During the period of the stoppage, no AEU members in teaching classification jobs are to attend their workplace or undertake work for ETD.

The AEU Office will provide to the media contact details for a cross-section of members who will be available for media comment on the day of their stoppage.

Should a further offer be made which is assessed as unacceptable, Executive is authorised to call rolling stoppages in accordance with the timetable outlined above for the week 7 November – 11 November, and to repeat this timetable of action in reverse order on appropriate dates if necessary.

Council congratulates members for their commitment and support in the campaign to date, particularly principal and School Network Leader members who are often in an unenviable position during periods of industrial action. Council strongly urges all members to continue to support each other, and particularly encourages School Network Leader members to join colleagues in the Central Office or on school sites in their Network to participate in the activities during the stoppage.

The next negotiation meeting is scheduled for 10.30am-12.30pm on Wednesday 26 October. Watch for a further update later this week.

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