BULLETIN 6
INTO Members vote For STRIKE!

DECEMBER 2016

The recent ballot of INTO members delivered a resounding mandate that INTO members are no longer prepared to see their contribution to the children and young people in their care, and the education system as a whole, undervalued by Management Side.

Of the total 3056 votes cast in the ballot, 2045 were in favour of strike action, with 569 against and 2494 voted in favour of action short of strike, with 119 voting against. There were 430 spoiled votes.

THEREFORE with effect from 6 January 2017 onwards, until they are advised otherwise, ALL INTO MEMBERS ARE DIRECTED to:

Withdraw their co-operation from The Education and Training Inspectorate. Members are directed not to participate or co-operate in any manner with any scheduled inspections, survey or other form of assessment conducted by the ETI. In addition this action will include non-co-operation with school inspectors who visit the school for any purpose. Members are instructed not to provide any cumulative or summative data, or documentation of any kind to the ETI during this action.

INTO members, are further directed, from 1.00 am on Wednesday 18 January 2016 until 12:30pm on Wednesday 18 January 2016, to withdraw their labour. (Half-day Strike)

All INTO members are urged to engage in strike action and to make their views clearly visible through empty schools, pickets on school gates and the presence of large numbers of INTO members at events across Northern Ireland.

All INTO members are urged to participate fully in the half day strike:

- don't turn up for work until 12.30pm;
- don't prepare any work for classes you would have taught;
- ensure the application of the universal principle that no colleague should be asked to cover your work (and no temporary staff to be employed for that purpose – this would be unlawful);
- to show your strength of feeling and support, please attend any local events to help publicise the action and the issue.

The consequences of inaction or complacency will be that teachers will continue to be undervalued and underpaid for the vital contribution you make to the lives of the young people in your care. In addition INTO members must not become an easy target for the anti-Trade Union media who will delight in identifying schools that are not participating fully in the industrial action.