Preparation for Unregulated Tests

In light of the announcement by the Education Minister, Peter Weir, INTO reiterates its stated opposition to the use of academic selection in the transferring of pupils from primary to post-primary school.

INTO has major concerns with regard to this statement in which the Minister has unilaterally reversed the position of the Department of Education on academic selection.

The Minister’s decision, and the advice from the Department of Education to primary schools in relation to the preparation for unregulated testing, will impact directly upon curriculum content, timetabling, resourcing, funding and most importantly the core purpose of the statutory primary curriculum, which allows pupils to reach their full potential in all areas of school life.

INTO considers this guidance to be a new initiative from the Department of Education, and therefore covered under the current industrial action short of strike. No INTO member can be compelled to prepare pupils for these unregulated tests.

Further information in regard to this issue may be found on the INTO website at www.into.ie