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**Dear Colleagues** 

On behalf of the INTO family across the island and your colleagues on the Northern Committee, may we commend you, the members, for the way you have dealt with the last two weeks of unprecedented crisis. You have dug deep, and risen to the challenges of preparing, distributing and facilitating the continued education of your pupils while simultaneously being pressed into providing day-care for our fellow essential workers.

Teachers and principals, within the INTO family, embracing the vocation they have devoted themselves to, have been working tirelessly to provide educational support for pupils and parents. Many members have also thrown their energy into their communities by volunteering to assist the elderly and vulnerable in our society.

It is this public service attitude by teachers and particularly health care workers which is leading the fight against this pandemic and will win the day. You, as educators, will be remembered for your vital role in this global battle.

INTO thanks all of you and the members of our family for everything that you are doing for your pupils, their parents and your communities during this challenging time. We will get through this together, and when you look back you can proudly reflect on the roles you have played and remember the challenges you overcame. Society will long remember your contributions. Stay safe, stay in touch and for now.....stay at home.

Yours sincerely

GERRY MURPHY Northern Secretary

**KEVIN DALY NC Chairperson** 

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