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12 August 2016

PAID UNION MEETING - Monday 12 September in the afternoon

Dear Parents

NZEI and PPTA have advised that paid union meetings will occur around the country to enable their members to discuss Government proposals of a "global budget" for education that removes the split between funding for staff and funding for operations. The unions say schools will be forced to trade off the costs of teaching staff against other costs, which could mean:

- Fewer teachers and bigger class sizes
- No consistent student: teacher ratios for year levels
- Increased casualization of teaching jobs
- Downwards pressure on support staff pay
- Increased inequality

The meeting our staff (who are union members) will attend is on Monday 12 September at 1.30pm at the Te Rauparaha Arena.

The majority of our staff are union members. They have an entitlement, under the Employment Relations Act, to attend.

We will be able to provide limited supervision for the afternoon by staff. If as many parents as possible (or a designated caregiver) were able to pick their children up at 1pm that day it would be very helpful.

For planning purposes of you could complete the slip below and return it to school that would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Sarah Campbell
BOT Chair

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I note this is scheduled to happen on this date.

I could / could not (delete one) arrange to pick up my child/ren at 1pm on this afternoon.

Child/ren's names.....

Signature.....(parent/caregiver)