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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I write in relation to the ongoing industrial dispute between the ASTI and the Department of Education and Skills (DES).

You will be aware from previous correspondence that the ASTI has announced seven days of strike action, as follows:

October 27; November 8,16,24,29; December 6,7.

In addition, the ASTI has said that its members will withdraw from supervision and substitution duties on and from Monday, 7 November.

This latter form of industrial action poses difficulties for the Board of Management in that the Board must ensure that any alternative arrangements that it might put in place for supervision and substitution are as robust as those that currently apply.

The Board requires more time to examine this situation and, accordingly, cannot be certain about its ability to operate the school as normal on and from 7 November.

I therefore wish to advise you that another Board meeting will be held over the next week and a further letter will be issued thereafter setting out the exact position that will apply on and from 7 November.

In the meantime, let us hope that talks between the parties to this dispute will have a good outcome for all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal and Secretary to the Board of Management.