



TUI-08117-PM/BH

23rd October, 2008.

**TO: All Second & Third Level Representatives
All Second & Third Level Branch Secretaries
Executive Committee**

Re: Dáil Éireann Protest against Education Cuts

**outside Dáil Éireann
Wednesday, 29th October, 2008
commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

Dear Colleague,

The TUI has decided to encourage as many members as possible to attend at **a protest outside Dáil Éireann on Wednesday next, 29th October, commencing at 6.30 p.m.** This protest is to coincide with the Labour Party debate in private members time which is focused on the education cuts.

While recognizing the short notice and the fact that next week is the mid-term break, we are encouraging that as many as possible will participate in this protest. The timing of this protest as we have stated is to coincide with the Labour Party debate and the timing in this regard is not of our choosing.

Where possible, branches and/or schools should organize transport in the most economic way possible, i.e. the use of buses where significant numbers are involved or groups in cars. The costs will be payable from Head Office.

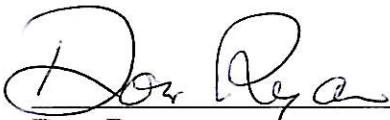
In addition, there should be a lobby of TDs and, to this end, weekend clinics might be availed of. Letters or emails to TDs can also be utilized. The full extent of the effect of the cuts on school pupils and on parents should be emphasized to TDs as it effects schools and colleges in their area, school pupils and college students and parents. Where appropriate, parents and students should be advised of this and asked to make their voices heard also.

Contact details of Oireachtas members can be accessed from the **CAMPAIGN PAGE** on the TUI webpage.

This is a critical opportunity which, although not of our choosing or at a particularly convenient time, is nonetheless an opportunity to make the voice of TUI and the voice of education heard with a view to protecting the education service with a particular focus on the beneficiaries of this service, i.e. the students.

We look forward to your cooperation insofar as possible in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Don Ryan
President



Peter MacMeñamin
General Secretary