



20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

**To: Third Level Branch Secretaries  
& Executive Committee**

**Re: Strike action – 30<sup>th</sup> March, Industrial Action**

Dear Colleague

A ballot of members of TUI endorsed industrial action and strike action up to two days.

All TUI members are directed to withdraw their services from on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. Please ensure that this is brought to the attention of all members.

Formal notice of strike action has been issued to all employers; a copy of the text is attached.

Public service unions including the teacher unions - ASTI TUI, INTO and IFUT - are taking strike action on March 30<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate their anger at the Government's inequitable and unfair handling of the current economic crisis, including the refusal to pay the national agreement increases in September, the so called "pensions levy" and the education cutbacks. TUI members fully understand the devastating effect the crisis is having on the lives of those who are losing their jobs. However, we believe that there is a fairer, better way to deal with the crisis which clearly places the greater burden on those most able to bear it.

If the Government enters talks with ICTU, it is unlikely that the strike on March 30th will go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Peter MacMenamin  
General Secretary

20 March 2009

To:

**Re: Strike Notice 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Dear

I wish to give formal notice that members of the Teachers' Union of Ireland will be withdrawing their service for one day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009. This is the form of action which has been balloted upon in accordance with the Industrial Relations Act 1990 and is part of the Union's opposition to the Government's handling of the current economic situation.

Members of TUI are being directed to withdraw their services for the duration of this day.

Please take this communication as formal notice of industrial action.

Yours sincerely

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Peter MacMenamin