# TO: Second Level Workplace Representatives

# Second Level Branch Secretaries

# Executive Committee

24th February 2014

***Re: Junior Cycle Lunchtime Protest***

***– Tuesday 11th March 2014***

Dear Colleague,

TUI and ASTI are organising a Lunchtime Protest on Tuesday 11th March to illustrate teachers’ serious concerns over the proposed changes to the Junior Cycle. Both unions will also be balloting members in March to seek a mandate on non-cooperation with the Junior Cycle proposals.

The protest will take the form of a short rally outside school premises. Regular school business will not be disrupted by the actions and normal supervision arrangements will continue during the event.

It is vital that teachers use this opportunity to make clear their opposition to the proposed changes and their sincere concerns at the threat they pose to education standards and to the objectivity and transparency of Junior Cycle examinations.

Placards will be distributed in advance of the protest and any further information will be uploaded on the homepage of the TUI website.

The attached electronic information bulletin outlines the background and reasons for the ballot and the last page can be used as a TUI notice board poster to promote the Lunchtime Protest.

Yours sincerely,



John MacGabhann

General Secretary