



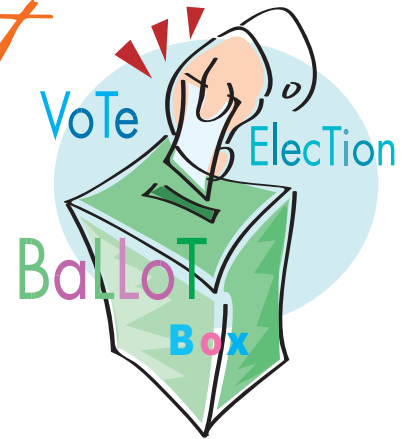
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*Make your vote count
for education*

**IN EUROPEAN, LOCAL AND DÁIL BYE ELECTIONS
ON 5th JUNE 2009**



Cutbacks in education will impact
on the futures of our children



TUI PRESIDENT, DON RYAN



SCHOOLS UNITED RALLY

In my address to the Schools United Rally in Dublin last December I stated that we would “let all political parties know that when they come before the electorate that there would be a heavy political price to be paid for sacrificing our children’s future”.

When deciding which way we vote we consider the public good, what is best for our communities and what best serves our country as a whole. A commitment by candidates and political parties to the retention of a quality education system should be a vital component in making the decision. The indiscriminate cuts to the education system announced in October’s budget and the moratorium on the filling of essential management posts in schools and colleges announced in March will have a devastating effect on a system that is already clearly under-funded.

The opportunities denied to our children cannot be restored next year or the following year. Each child’s opportunity comes only once, and the educational opportunity of today’s children is being seriously damaged. Our children cannot wait until the economy recovers from the damage done by this government’s ineptitude.

Despite the magnitude of the damage done to it over the past nine months our education system faces even greater challenges in the coming year. The retention of teachers and lecturers essential to the education system must be a priority. There must also be a commitment to invest now in building new skills that will put us in the strongest possible position as the economy recovers. Skills to support the development of new industries and services will determine whether we are ready

to gain competitive advantage when economic growth resumes.

As a first step in our opposition to any move to further asset-strip the system and to ensure adequate investment in the re-skilling of the new un-employed we must ensure that for the forthcoming elections we lend our support only to those candidates who give an unequivocal undertaking to protect and support the education system and especially those most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities.

Don Ryan, TUI President

TO: Each Candidate in all Local Elections / European Elections / Dáil Bye-Elections

14th May 2009

Dear Candidate,

You will be aware that the Government has over the past year introduced a number of significant cuts in overall education spending. TUI believes that these Budget cuts will have a disproportionate effect on the more disadvantaged in our society. Regrettably, the disadvantaged are the least able to cope with any reduction in the level of education provision or with additional costs being imposed on them. They will inevitably suffer the most in the short term and in the long term as a consequence of the cutbacks.

In your capacity as a Candidate for the forthcoming election, I wish to put to you a number of questions, (see attached) and

I would appreciate your response to them no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 19th May 2009. The questions are short and I believe all are amenable to a straightforward “yes” or “no” answer. I would ask that you respond in this manner.

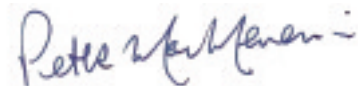
It is the intention of the Union to publicise amongst its membership the responses to the questions and to ask our members to take these views into account when casting their vote in the forthcoming elections on 5th June 2009.

I enclose, for your information, a list of the cutbacks in education made in the 2008/09 budgets, which will have an extremely negative effect on the level of and overall quality of service provision at all levels of education.

Authorities such as the OECD have expressed the view that spending on education should be regarded as an investment. It follows, therefore, that education should be exempt from cutbacks in spending, even in the grim financial circumstances in which Ireland now finds itself. Many others share this view with the TUI.

We are talking about the service available to the young people and adult learners of the nation. We are not talking about the pay and conditions of teachers.

I look forward to receiving your response prior to 12 noon on Tuesday 19th May 2009.



Peter MacMenamin, General Secretary

In order to highlight the unacceptable cutbacks in education, TUI sent a short questionnaire to candidates in the forthcoming European, local and bye elections in Dublin South and Dublin Central.

In respect of the local elections the questionnaire was sent to candidates seeking election to county councils and city councils only. Every effort was made to ascertain the email addresses of the candidates in the above elections.*

*TUI was able to obtain email addresses for party candidates from the political parties concerned. The union found it very difficult to obtain the email addresses of non party and independent candidates, as there is no requirement for candidates to give their email addresses to the returning officers.

Questions for “Yes” or “No” Response

1. Do you believe that a well educated workforce is essential for the future development of the economy?
Yes No
2. Do you believe that spending in frontline services should be regarded as an investment?
Yes No
3. Do you agree with the frontline education service being exempted from spending cuts in the public services?
Yes No
4. Will you commit to opposing cuts in the frontline education services if you are elected?
Yes No
5. If elected will you commit to seeking to reverse cuts already announced in front line education services in the 2008/2009 Budget?
Yes No

When canvassed by any candidate please ascertain their views in respect of the education cuts. The five questions set out on the previous page will guide you in this respect. You might also wish to make reference to particular cuts that impact especially on the students you teach, or on your own children. In this regard please refer to the pages in this special edition of TUI news setting out the impact of specific cuts.

TUI also requests that you contact candidates (you do not meet at your doorstep) by telephone/email in relation to the cutbacks which will impact on the futures of the students in your school/college.

We would encourage you to take account of the responses you receive from candidates as well as any record they or their party may have in the recent past in regard to such commitments, as a significant factor in determining how you vote on June 5th 2009.

Bye-Elections 2009 responses received from candidates

Area	Name	Party	Q1 Do you believe that a well educated workforce is essential for the future development of the economy?	Q2 Do you believe that spending in frontline services should be regarded as an investment?	Q3 Do you agree with the frontline education service being exempted from spending cuts in the public services?	Q4 Will you commit to opposing cuts in the frontline education services if you are elected?	Q5 If elected will you commit to seeking to reverse cuts already announced in front line education services in the 2008/2009 Budget?
Dublin Central	Christy Burke	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin Central	David Geary	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin Central	Maureen O'Sullivan	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin Central	Malachy Steenson	Workers Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin South	Elizabeth Davidson	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin South	Ross O'Mullane	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

European Elections 2009 responses received from candidates

Area	Name	Party	Q1 Do you believe that a well educated workforce is essential for the future development of the economy?	Q2 Do you believe that spending in frontline services should be regarded as an investment?	Q3 Do you agree with the frontline education service being exempted from spending cuts in the public services?	Q4 Will you commit to opposing cuts in the frontline education services if you are elected?	Q5 If elected will you commit to seeking to reverse cuts already announced in front line education services in the 2008/2009 Budget?
Dublin	Eibhlin Byrne	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Proinsius De Rossa	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Joe Higgins	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Mary Lou McDonald	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
The East							
	Liam Aylward	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	Thomas Byrne	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	NO	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
North West							
	Michael McNamara	Reform	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Susan O'Keefe	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
The South							
	Kathy Sinnott	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Local Elections 2009 responses received from candidates

Council	Area	Name	Party	Q1 Do you believe that a well educated workforce is essential for the future development of the economy?	Q2 Do you believe that spending in frontline services should be regarded as an investment?	Q3 Do you agree with the frontline education service being exempted from spending cuts in the public services?	Q4 Will you commit to opposing cuts in the frontline education services if you are elected?	Q5 If elected will you commit to seeking to reverse cuts already announced in front line education services in the 2008/2009 Budget?
Carlow County Council	Tullow	William Patton	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Carlow County Council	Walter Lacey	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Carlow West	Rody Kelly	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Carlow West	John Cassin	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cavan County Council	Ballyjamesduff	Shane P. O'Reilly	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Bailieborough	John O'Hare	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Cavan Town	Des Cullen	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Belturbet	Anthony Vesey	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Clare	Ennistymon	Joe Arkins	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ennis	Tom Malone	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	NO	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	Shannon	Cathy McCafferty	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ennistymon	Ann Marie Flanagan	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Clare County Council	Ennis West	Garrett Greene	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cork City Council	South West Ward	Barry Keane	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	South West Ward	Michael Ahern	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	South East	Ken Ahern	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	South Central	Mary Ryder	Green	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Cork County Council	Carrigaline	David O'Byrne	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Skibbereen	Adrian Healy	Fine Gael	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
	Bantry	Sam Simpson	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Bantry	Danny Crowley	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE
	Fermoy	Adam Douglas	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Carrigaline	Dominick Donnelly	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
		Ted Tynan	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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		Jackie Connolly	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Bantry	Jose Ospina	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Clonakilty	Jim Daly	Fine Gael	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
		Mick Crowley	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE
	Macroom	Des O'Grady	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Skibereen	Declan Waugh	Green	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	YES
Donegal County Council	Letterkenny	Joanne Sweeney-Burke	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dublin City Council	Pembroke Rathmines	Oisín O Dubhlain	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Crumlin Kimmage	Tony McDermott	Green	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
	Ballymun	John Dunne	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dublin City	Tina MacVeigh	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyfermot Drimmagh	Stephen Wall	Green	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	Artane/Whitehall	Denise Mitchell	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	North inner city	David Geary	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	North inner city	Maureen O'Sullivan	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE
	Artane/Coolock	Sinead Seery	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	North inner city	Ruadhan MacAodhain	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Clontarf	Helen McCormack	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Clontarf	Donna Cooney	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Donaghmede	Killian Forde	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyfermot Drimmagh	Andrew McGuinness	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyfermot Drimmagh	Brid Smith	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyfermot Drimmagh	Louise Minihan	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
	South West Inner City	Rebecca Moynihan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Rathmines Pembroke Ward	Mary Frehill	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dublin City	Christy Burke	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	South West Inner City	Criona Ní Dhalaigh	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dublin City	Ray McHugh	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	South West Inner City	Martin Hogan	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dublin North West	John Lyons *	Labour					
	Artane/Whitehall	Martin O'Sullivan	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fingal County Council	Fingal C.C.	Darragh Butler	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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	Fingal C.C.	Ruth Coppinger	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Terry kelleher	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Clare Daly	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Patrick Nulty	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal / Swords	John McCalmly	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Joe Higgins	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Denis Keane	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Michael O'Donovan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Fingal C.C.	Gerry McGuire	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Howth Malahide	Peter Coyle	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Howth Malahide	Colm O Murchadha	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Swords	Pat Ward	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Swords	Pat Ward	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Swords	John Hennessy	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Dublin County Council	Clondalkin	Dorothy Corrigan	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Lucan/Palmerstown	Michael Finnegan	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght Central	Ray Kelly	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Rathfarnham/Terenure	Cait Keane	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght South	Sinead Cooke	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
		Mick Murphy	Socialist	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Lucan/Palmerstown	Derek Keating	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght South	Cathal King	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght Central	Pat Dunne	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Lucan/Palmerstown	William Lavelle	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Lucan/Palmerstown	Kevin Farrell	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Lucan/Palmerstown	Eamon Tuffy	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght Central	David Hutchinson	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tallaght Central	Dermot Looney	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown	Glencullen/Sandyford	Neale Richmond	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Blackrock/Monkstown	Victory Boyhan	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballybrack	Eoin O'Broin	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dun Laoghaire	Richard Boyd Barrett	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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	Ballybrack	Hugh Lewis	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dundrum	Donagh O'Reilly	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Centre ward	Stephen Fitzpatrick	Labour	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
	Ballybrack	Larry Lohan	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Galway City Council	Galway City West	Donal Lyons	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Galway City East	Sheila Mangan	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Galway City	Aidan McCabe	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Galway County Council	Tuam	Sean Canney	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tuam	Paul Osikoya	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Conamara	Kenneth Coyne	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kerry County Council	Killorglin	John Porridge O'Connor	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Listowel	Risteard O Fuarain	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Kerry	Marie Moloney	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Killarney	Lynn NI Bhaioighallain	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Killorglin	John Sheehan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kildare County Council	Athy	Richard Daly	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Kildare Co Council	Paddy Kennedy		NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	YES	YES
	Clane	Chris Rowland	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Naas	Pat McCarthy	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Celbridge	Catherine Murphy	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Newbridge	Paddy Kennedy	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
		Senan Griffin	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Celbridge	John McGinley	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kilkenny County Council	Kilkenny	Kathleen Funchion	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyragget	Mary Hilda Cavanagh	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballyragget	Ray Quinlan	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Thomastown	Duncan Russell	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Laois County Council	Portlaoise	Jim O'Brien	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Emo	Aidan Mullins	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Emo	Margaret Guijt Lawlor	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Luggacurren	Marie Johnston	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Laoise	Jerry Lodge	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Portlaoise	Adrian Kane	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Leitrim County Council	Manorhamilton	Michael Colreavy	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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	Ballinamore	Gordon Hughes	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Carrick on Shannon	Sinead Guckian	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dromahair	Padraig Fallon	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Limerick City Council	Limerick City	Orla McLoughlin	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Limerick City	Maria Byrne	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Limerick County Council	Limerick North	John Ryan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Kilmallock	James Heffernan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Castletown	Elena Secas	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Longford County Council				NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Louth County Council	Dundalk	Ciaran O Mathuna	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dundalk East	Joe Woodcock	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dundalk South	Tomas Sharkey	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dundalk South	Peter Short	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Drogheda East	Gerald Nash	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dundalk South	Mark Deary	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mayo County Council	Westport	David Keating	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Westport	Andy Wilson	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Castlebar	Frank Durkan	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	castlebar	Michael Kilcoyne	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballina	Gerry Ginty	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Swinford	Sylvia Spain	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Swinford	Joe Mellett	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Meath County Council	Dunshaughlin	Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Slane	Sinead Burke	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dunshaughlin	Michael MacLoughlin	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Dunshaughlin	Maria Murphy	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Monaghan County Council	Clones	Pat Treanor	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Monaghan	Paul McGeown	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Monaghan	Padraigín Uí Mhurchadha	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Monaghan	Donal Sherry	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Monaghan	Malachy Toal	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Carrickmacross	Matt Carthy	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Monaghan	Brian McKenna	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Offaly County Council	Ferbane	Marcella Corcoran Kennedy	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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	Tullamore	Sean O'Brien	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tullamore	Brendan Killeavy	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Roscommon County Council	Castlerea/Ballagherreen	John Kelly	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Mid Roscommon	Larry Brennan	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sligo County Council	Strandhill	Declan Bree	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Tubercurry	Margaret Gormley	Independent	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Strandhill	Sean MacManus	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Ballymote	Thomas Healy	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tipperary North	Nenagh	Seamus Morris	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tipperary South	Cahir	Marie Murphy	Fine Gael	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE
	Clonmel	Darren Ryan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Waterford County Council	Waterford City	Joe Kelly	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City	Davy Walshe	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City	Donie Fell	People Before Profit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City	Liam Dunne	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City East	Maria Rafteris-Kennedy	Green	YES	YES	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	Waterford City North	Davy Walsh	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City South	Willie More	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Waterford City East	Joe Tobin	Workers' Party	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Westmeath County Council	Mullingar	Ken Glynn	Fianna Fáil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Mullingar East	Denis Leonard	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Westmeath	Sorca Clarke	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Kilbeggan	Ger Corcoran	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Coole	Dan McCarthy	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wexford County Council	Gorey	Malcolm Byrne *	Fianna Fáil					
	Wexford District	Maurice Roche	Sinn Féin	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Wexford District	Danny Forde	Green	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO RESPONSE
	Wexford District	Joe Ryan	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wicklow County Council	Bray & Greystones	Caroline Burrell	Green	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Bray East	Barry Nevin	Labour	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

* = These candidates responded to TUI but did not respond in a yes or no format and therefore could not be collated with the above results.

The Education Cuts How will they impact?

THE CUTBACKS	THE IMPACT
<p>School Capital budget down by €5m</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No repair / improvement in facilities Overcrowded or substandard conditions
<p>Teacher numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased pupil teacher ratio Cap of 2 Language support teachers Posts to non-DEIS schools withdrawn Moratorium on appointments and promotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most schools lose up to 1.5 teachers; some schools lose in excess of 3 teachers Increased class size Subject options more limited Leaving Certificate Applied, Junior Cert Schools Programme and Transition Year are likely to be curtailed Pastoral care, tutorial and guidance support and personal attention to students curtailed Increased risk of drop out and early school leaving Progression to third level and work more restricted Increasingly difficult to run schools effectively
<p>Substitution cover significantly reduced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes unattended on a regular basis Extra curricular activities (eg sports, drama, debating) severely restricted.
<p>Withdrawal of /Reduction in School Funding :</p> <p>Subjects grants: Home Economics; Physics and Chemistry</p> <p>Programmes grants: Junior Certificate Schools Programme; Leaving Certificate Applied Programme; Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme; Transition Year</p> <p>Other grants: Funding for Travellers; Funding for non - DEIS schools; School book aid to non - DEIS schools; Library grants</p> <p>Other increases: State Examinations up by 8%; School transport charges increased to annual fee - €300 per student (up by €142 junior cycle; €66 senior cycle); Funding for School Completion Programme reduced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of €20,000 or more in day to day budgets Access to basic materials and resources for learning curtailed Some students will not have the books required Increased risk of drop out and early leaving Significant additional cost to parents of up to and over €500 per child
<p>Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payroll reduced by circa 7% Increased student registration fee (€900) No increases in student maintenance grants Reductions in Strategic Innovation Fund Moratorium on appointments and promotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited capacity to respond to the current economic crisis Subject/electives curtailed Classes amalgamated / Reduced provision for specialisms Class contact time and content reduced Lab and practical work restricted Tutorials and individual support curtailed Less capacity to provide access supports (eg special needs) Increased cost to families Capacity to lead innovation restricted Increasingly difficult to run colleges effectively
<p>Adult and Further Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-pay grant grants reduced by 5% Reduction of 500 places on the Back to Education Initiative Reduction of 100 places in Senior Traveller Training Centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the number of courses Capacity to meet the needs of the unemployed restricted Disadvantaged groups most vulnerable Delivery in outreach locations curtailed Inadequate information to learners – low participation rates Essential supports withdrawn - childcare, disability and guidance