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Message the Minister

You will have received recently a supply of campaign postcards for members to sign as part of the lobbying of John Swinney, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, outlining the case for the teachers' 10% pay rise.

We really need all members to get involved in this activity as returning only a few thousand cards will not send a strong message to Scottish Government (we will be mapping the level of returns as a way of sensing member engagement.)

Action for Representatives: We are asking Reps to either organise a sign-in meeting or to distribute cards, and then to collect and return them to HQ, in the pre-paid envelopes, on behalf of the school branch. Thereafter they will be collated and presented to the Cabinet Secretary at an appropriate time / event.

Please encourage as many members as possible to sign a card.

Additional cards are available on request from HQ, for either members or for broader use (anyone can sign a card).

Pay Update – On-going Negotiations

An Extended Joint Chairs meeting was held on Wednesday 16th May to continue pay negotiations.

At this meeting the Scottish Government representatives indicated that SG's view was that 10% was unaffordable in the current climate, although they did bring forward some suggestions which would build upon the original pay offer from COSLA of 3% / 2% (which has been rejected, already, by the Teachers' Side).

Both the Teachers' Side and COSLA are now considering in detail the Scottish Government's proposals. It is expected that a further round of negotiations will be held later in the month.

A full SNCT (Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers) is scheduled for the 31st May, and the 2018/2019 claim will be the main issue for discussion. An SNCT Update will be issued as soon as possible following the meeting.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please share the latest pay update with members. Please encourage members who wish to receive information by email to register their email address.

Approaching Your School's Parent Teacher Council

School reps are encouraged to contact the chair or secretary of their school's Parent Teacher Council and ask for a slot on the agenda of a future meeting to raise awareness of the EIS Pay Campaign. Reps are also encouraged to ask the chair or secretary to disseminate the Parents & Carers Pay Campaign Leaflet to Parent Teacher Council members for information.

Action for Representatives: Suggested text for an email to your school's chair or secretary may be found here and the Parents & Carers Pay Campaign Leaflet may be found at www.eis.org.uk/Value-Education-Value-Teachers/Parentcouncil

Scottish Learning Festival 2018

Registration for SLF 2018 is now open. SLF is the only free national education event in Scotland with something on offer for everyone involved in Scottish education.

SLF 2018 takes place on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 September in the SEC, Glasgow.

SLF offers opportunities to access high-quality and highly engaging professional learning as well as opportunities to explore, discuss and exchange knowledge and ideas with thousands of professional colleagues and experts.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please encourage interested members to book now at www.eis.org.uk/Meetings-And-Events/SLF18 to guarantee a place and their choice of seminars as many sessions fill up before the summer break.

Globe Education – 'Ways into Shakespeare'

The EIS will again be working in partnership with Globe Education to bring their 'Ways into Shakespeare' workshops to Glasgow on the 4th and 5th October 2018.

These interactive and inspiring workshops are aimed at upper primary and secondary English and Drama teachers, and are suitable for teachers working with children and young people with additional support needs. Three workshops will run over the two days with places limited to 25 teachers per workshop. Registration will open after the summer.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the upcoming workshops.

EIS and City & Guilds Masters Professional Practitioner Award – Masters in Education at SCQF Level 11

In partnership with the EIS, City & Guilds is pleased to invite notes of interest for Unit 1 of this fully online programme, available to teachers across Scotland. Unit 1 is fully funded by the Scottish Government.

The programme is a comprehensive qualification that offers structured support for self-study, work-based development activities and end of unit assignments. It is completed online via the City & Guilds Learning Assistant e-portfolio system.

For more information please visit www.eis.org.uk/External-PL/Masters

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the City & Guilds programme.

EIS Members – Win A Trip to NYC Plus £500 Spending Money

EIS Financial Services, in conjunction with Cornmarket Insurance Services is running a fantastic competition for EIS members to win a trip to New York with £500 spending money.

Cornmarket Insurance Services is the specialist Teacher insurance partner for EIS, providing car, home, bike, pet and other insurance products for members. Please visit www.eisfs.co.uk/nyc and fill in your details to be in with a chance of winning.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the competition.