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Dear Colleague

Please find enclosed with this mailing two substantial items: recruitment material aimed at new staff members in your establishment, including probationers; and some initial materials relating to the "Time to Tackle Workload" campaign, which will be a major focus for the Institute over the forthcoming term.

The recruitment materials will be familiar to you and we simply ask that you maintain the good work of previous years by approaching new staff members and where appropriate signing them up to EIS membership.

On tackling workload, as can be seen in the briefing note on the campaign, there will be a twin track approach - negotiation at SNCT level on concrete measures such as reducing class contact time, and an establishment based campaign seeking to capitalise on the promise of a more empowered system and greater teacher autonomy in order to take greater control over workload.

The materials enclosed, alongside the suggestion of an early EIS meeting and use of the website hosted Power Point, are designed to set an early tone about the need to make progress on reducing workload.

A full campaign programme is being developed to sustain activity over the course of the next session.

Since taking up the post of General Secretary, I have repeatedly emphasised the critical role that our school reps and school committee members play in being the face and voice of the EIS in schools, so may I again thank you for your work on behalf of members.

Best wishes

Larry Flanagan

General Secretary