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Negotiations on an Orderly Transition to the Federal Industrial System

Dear IEU Rep and Members

The Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (CCER) (representing all Catholic Dioceses) has proposed a meeting with the Union on Tuesday 30 March to discuss a transition to the federal system.

The Union wrote to the CCER on 23 February 2010 outlining the items the Union wished to place on the agenda as follows:

1. What is required for there to be an orderly transition? Are there any unintended consequences of the referral which need to be addressed in a new agreement?
2. The time-frame for delivering this transition for principals, teachers and support staff in schools.
3. Technical issues relevant to the above within the framework of the Fair Work Act.
4. The appropriate information to be provided to employees during this transition and what approach should be taken to ensure that both principals and employees are informed of the nature of the new system and its implication for schools.

This includes the provision of appropriate training and information sessions for IEU representatives and school principals.

The Union will forward a report on the 30 March discussions to IEU Reps and members in the first week of the second school term.

Union training for IEU Representatives on the new IR system and the particular challenges we need to meet is continuing in both city and regional NSW throughout this school term.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary