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Kia ora, greetings to you all.

Fair Deal for Support Staff - August 7 "Day of Action"!

Friday, 7 August has been designated a 'day of action' for NZEI members to send a message to all Coalition Government MPs that our union values the work of support staff, and we believe they deserve a fair deal.

This week, NZEI branches are being asked to nominate a branch official to coordinate with schools in their area and **to liaise with local lobby network members** to identify MPs to visit and set up appointments with them on 7th August if possible.

A poster for adding signatures to will be sent to primary worksites in the first week of Term 3 so that principals, teachers and support staff members can add their voices to the call for action.

Please contact your branch president to help support this short, sharp action aimed at ensuring that the government is clear that all members of our union and the wider education community value our support staff colleagues. More information will be sent to you in the first week of Term 3.

Illegal acts and national standards?

Education Minister Anne Tolley said this week that she could not guarantee that national standards data sent in by schools would not be published in the form of school league tables. She said principals failing to send in their data would be breaking the law.

NZEI urges you to take up this issue with Government MPs. Please book a meeting now with your MP for early in Term 3 - there will be a lobby pack to support your lobbying available early in the term, and there is a wealth of information at www.nzei.org.nz and www.nationalstandards.org.nz

Still keen to lobby?

Feeling charged up and ready to tackle your MP? Or feeling like you need to take a break from the lobby network? Needing more support? Please click on the link below to answer a brief survey so that we can make NZEI's lobby network work for you.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CJ4Mn4PlmSSUEoIR_2by9jXA_3d_3d

Please email shelley.struthers@nzei.org.nz if you want to update your contact details or do not wish to be a lobby network member.

Kia kaha, kia manawanui

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