



New Zealand Educational Institute (Inc.)

Main Points for Lobbyists

- NZEI supports the right of parents to clear reporting of their child's learning progress and achievement
- NZEI wants to see national standards implemented in a way that is educationally sound and reinforces effective teaching and learning
- NZEI opposes the creation of school "league tables"
- NZEI believes the Curriculum – which provides expectations for learning across a wide range of areas – should drive teaching and learning. National standards and other assessment practices are tools to support that teaching and learning.

Actions for Lobbyists

- Print out and show MPs the issue sheets about national standards that NZEI has circulated in the last term. Explain that NZEI wants to ensure the profession has a clear understanding of why national standards are being implemented and how they can be most effectively used to support teaching and learning.
- See:
http://www.nzei.org.nz/site/nzeite/files/primary%20teachers/IssueSheet_National_standards_web.pdf
http://www.nzei.org.nz/site/nzeite/files/primary%20teachers/Teachers_Matter_Nat_standards_Update.pdf
- Please invite your MP to visit a local school to watch teaching and learning in action and to discuss current assessment practices. Make sure you have discussed this with the school before you meet with your MP.
- Find out more at <http://www.nzei.org.nz/National+Standards.html> and www.nationalstandards.org.nz