

Hutt Central School

Empowering our children to meet the future with confidence

16 August 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is an opportunity to change the way education is funded. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means Hutt Central school will have limited staff available on Thursday 8 September between 1:30pm and 3:00pm while staff attend the meeting.

It is important for union members to attend these meetings to have a say about how schools are funded.

We encourage you to pick your child up from 12:30pm. If this is not possible, please fill in the return slip or contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

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Michael Gendall

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Return Slip - NZEI PAID UNION MEETING - THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Name: Room:

Will require supervision at Hutt Central School from 1:30 - 3:00pm on Thursday 8 September.

Signed