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CUTS TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Dear Colleague

I am writing to you to assure you that you have PPTA's full support and commitment in the fight to restore ACE funding in schools. I remain optimistic that the government has underestimated the extent of community opposition to this decision and will have to review it.

PPTA National Executive is supporting the CLASS campaign against the cuts. At its July meeting, Executive determined to endorse the call by CLASS for a day of action on Saturday 12th September and to ask members in all secondary schools to support local protest activities on the day. It has also suggested to PPTA regional teams that they fund advertising to promote the day in the local media.

I realise that for some ACE members the funding cuts mean their jobs are at risk. PPTA provides industrial advocacy in these situations and will ensure that you receive all entitlements due. Information on the ACE redundancy provisions and contact details for your field officer are here: http://www.ppta.org.nz/index.php/-issues-in-education/iss-ace/471-iss-ace-advice. Having said that, you will see from the attached media release that PPTA expects positions to remain until at least the end of this year, with the possibility of them being reversed.

The PPTA website also contains a range of articles about ACE, the cuts and the campaign should you wish to review them. http://www.ppta.org.nz/index.php/-issues-in-education/iss-ace

If there is any other way you feel PPTA can assist you please feel free to contact me. My direct dial is 049134227. You may send more general enquiries to: ace@ppta.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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PRESIDENT
Attached