DATE 2023

[NAME OF MP]

[POSITION]

[MP’S EMAIL ADDRESS]

Tēnā koe [NAME OF MP]

I am a teacher of [SUBJECT/S] and a [DEAN/HOD etc] at [SCHOOL].

I am on strike today because ... [use your own words here]

All students deserve teachers who are qualified subject specialists. At the moment, there are not enough teachers in New Zealand secondary schools, and in some subject areas, the shortages are extreme.

Secondary teachers have been in negotiations with the Ministry of Education since June 2022. We have received only one offer, in October last year, which was not enough to to attract or retain teachers, and crucially did not provide the staffing levels needed to adequately meet the pastoral care needs of students.

I am writing to urge you to support a prompt and fair settlement of the Secondary Teachers’ Collective Agreement/Area Schools Teachers’ Collective Agreement.

We call on the government to make an offer to teachers that provides immediate steps to address the shortage and ensure a settled year for our ākonga.

When we invest in teachers, we invest in Aotearoa.

Ngā mihi

[NAME]

**[POSITION YOUR SCHOOL]**