

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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Teacher Workload

Report by
Joint Secretary (Teachers' Side)

Background

In August 2016 John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education, issued a statement in which he reaffirmed his commitment to reduce teacher workload. As an adjunct to this, a Statement for Practitioners was issued by HM Chief Inspector of Education outlining what teachers are required to do and what to avoid in order to 'maximise the precious time teachers have to teach young people.' Recent developments in some schools within Renfrewshire seem to be running counter to this advice.

Action

The Head of Schools to remind all Headteachers of John Swinney's statement and the HMIE Statement for Practitioners, and to advise that any changes to school policy should be underpinned by the SNCT policy on Collegiality and each schools Working Time Agreement.