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Dear School Council President,

I write to inform you that AEU teacher and principal class members will be stopping work on Thursday June 7. It is important that you know exactly why we have reluctantly decided to take this action.

We understand that this presents difficulties for some parents and regret the inconvenience caused.

The State Government has had our claim for over a year but eight months of negotiations have failed to make progress on key areas including fair pay, teacher workload and the unacceptably high level of contract employment, particularly among beginning teachers.

We therefore feel that we have no alternative but to take action.

Teachers would appreciate your understanding and support in this campaign.

Please tell your local politicians that you want Victorian teachers to be adequately paid and secure in their jobs. This is not good enough from a government that claims education as its number one priority.

If you would like more information or wish to keep up-to-date with this campaign, please visit www.aeuvic.asn.au/agreements2012.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Bluett

Branch President