

Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Labor is making our hardworking teachers, school leaders and education staff the best paid in the country.

They've earned it.

We said we'd listen to our teachers, principals and education support staff and that's what we've done.

Teacher, principal and education support staff salaries will rise by at least 28.3 per cent over the next four years, starting with an increase of 12.75 per cent by October 2026.

More than 90,000 full-time teachers will earn over \$1,000 more per month by October this year and almost \$3,000 more per month by 2030 and education support staff will earn \$1600 more per month by 2030.

The revised offer aligns education support staff wage increases to teachers.

Required meeting hours will be halved from 80 hours to 40 hours a year and principals will be getting greater flexibility on meetings.

Less time in meetings means more time to focus on students.

Our most experienced teachers at the top of the scale will also be given an annual lump sum payment.

We urge the AEU Leadership to put this revised offer to their members and call off the planned strike on 23 July.

Students should be in classrooms and parents shouldn't be left scrambling for childcare or losing a day's pay.