

**AN INVITATION  
TO JOIN  
ONE OF IRELANDS  
LARGEST  
PARENT ORGANISATIONS**



**WHY JOIN.....?**  
*It gives parents at local and national level an opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas on the very important subject of education for their children*

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To make this voice effective we must be organized, therefore it is in the interest of parents and their children to have a strong Parents Association in their school.

**PARENTS AS PARTNERS.**

Effective school partnership can result in major gains in student's achievement levels, their sense of well-being, attitude to school, school attendance, parents' satisfaction with schools and teachers' job satisfaction. Home-school partnership can reduce the level of school failure and counteract the effects of educational disadvantage

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Each parent can become an active member by joining their schools' Parent Association. Each Parent Association may affiliate to the national association. The individual school Parents Association will then be entitled to send two representatives to the National Executive. The National Executive is made up of representatives from parent associations around the country. They meet every six to eight weeks; with the officer board meeting whenever is needed. Throughout the year the National Executive progress the policy i.e. motions adopted at the An-

nual Congress.

### **WHAT IS N.P.A.V.S.C.C. DOING?**

NPAVSCC is active through its four delegates in the work of the National Parents Council post-primary. The National Parents Council post-primary is the umbrella group for National Parents Organizations for second level schools. The Council acts as a forum for parents' views and opinions on educational policy. NPCpp is active in seeking adequate representation for parents on the statutory National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and other Department of Education and Science Committee's and Commissions. National Executive members are active in helping parents set-up Parent Associations and offer existing Parent Association advice in strengthening their Associations. NPAVSCC meet with our partners in education on an annual basis and more often if needed. Meetings are held with the Irish Vocational Education Authority (IVEA) Teachers Union of Ireland (TUI) Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) The Principals & Deputy Principals Association and the Department & Minister for Education and Science.

### **ISSUES CURRENTLY OF CONCERN TO N.P.A.V.S.C.C.**

#### **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Issues dealing with safety and routes of buses.

#### **HOME/SCHOOL/LIAISON PROGRAMME**

To be extended to all school regardless of designation.

#### **UNNECESSARY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS**

That elections, referenda etc take place on Saturdays to avoid the closure of schools.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

That a code of practice for all work Experience, undertaken as part of a School Programme, is drawn up by the Department of Education & Science.

#### **JUNIOR & LEAVING**

##### **CERTIFICATES**

That the Junior & Leaving Certificates are issued to students by December in the year of examination.

#### **SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS**

That the department of Education & Science publish the number of suspensions and expulsions from second level schools, on an

annual basis.

### **HOW IS NPAVSCC FUNDED?**

Affiliation fees are the main source of income, and are used to defray the administration and other costs incurred by the Association.

### **WHO DECIDES POLICY?**

The Annual Congress takes place in March each year where policy is decided. Each affiliated Parent Association is entitled to send two delegates. The Officer Board is elected at the Annual Congress.