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Redundancy Push 18:11 29/04/15

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There's bad news on the jobs front for teachers and education staff with more than 200 given the choice of accepting a payout and quitting or risk being forced out. Education Minister Peter Collier is imploring workers not to panic. Offers have been made to staff deemed surplus to requirements but the State School Teachers Union's Pat Byrne says this doesn't mean there isn't work to do or work to be done. If the teachers accept the offer they will have three weeks' pay for every year of service capped at 52 weeks.

SSTU says computer marking will negate what essays are about 17:02 29/04/15

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The WA State School Teachers Union says there has been no consultation about computers being used to mark NAPLAN test essays. The Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority says it can use the method by 2017 but the SSTU's Pat Byrne says it would negate what essay writing is all about. "Whether or not you get the results three months earlier is irrelevant," she said.

SSTUWA awaits consultation 15:01 29/04/15

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The WA State School Teachers Union says there's still no consultation about computers been used to mark NAPLAN test essays, two months after the idea was first put forward. Pat Byrne of the WA Teachers Union says it would negate what essay writing is all about. "What's been lost in this is creativity, is the ability for students to actually write essays that they know are going to be read by another human being" she said.

No consultation on computer marking: SSTU 13:32 29/04/15

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Interview with SSTU State President Pat Byrne 11:38 29/04/15

11:30 | 29/04/2015 | 6PR Perth - Morning Program | Circulation: | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

Gary Adshead interviews SSTU President Pat Byrne about part of the NAPLAN test being marked by computers. Ms Byrne says that the essay writing part of the test is going to be marked by computer which is both a surprise to her and a retrograde step. She says the computer will pick up things favour things like grammar and spelling but will not effectively assess elements like reasoning, development of an argument and powers of persuasion. She says she is unaware that any principals have been consulted about this yet and says a computerised test one thing but computerised marking is quite another. She says the union will be resisting this move "to the hilt".

Unions call for reinstatement of Asbestos Steering Committee 13:02 23/04/15

13:00 | 23/04/2015 | 6PR Perth - News | Circulation: | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

Unions want the Barnett Government to reinstate the Asbestos Steering Committee in response to a report by the Auditor-General. They are concerned not enough is being done to manage the problem in schools and public housing and State School Teacher's Union Senior Vice-President Lincoln Rose says there is not enough training for school staff to deal with asbestos.

Interview with SSTU's Lincoln Rose 11:32 16/04/15

11:30 | 16/04/2015 | ABC Kimberley WA - Mornings | Circulation: | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

Vanessa Mills interviews Lincoln Rose from the State School Teachers Union following a letter from a listener about the long hours and pressures faced by teachers. Mr Rose says he is hearing that cuts in school budgets are taking a toll on teachers throughout the Kimberley. He says increased class sizes since the cuts and many classes at or over capacity. He says the union would like to see extra funding put into the public school system and says that over $200 million has been taken out of the system since 2013 by the Barnett Government.

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