We need to hear from you

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Members are at the centre of everything we do and providing an avenue for your voices to be heard is a key role for your senior officers.

Towards the end of Term 2, the SSTUWA provided teachers, middle leaders and members of our School Leader Reference Group an opportunity to contribute to discussions about red tape and workload (pictured above).

Department of Education system response and transformation executive director Milanna Heberle led conversations with members about ways red tape and workload could be reduced in schools.

I would like to thank all who participated in the face-to-face meetings and those who provided written feedback.

I am keenly interested in what actions the Department will take to reduce red tape and workload in our schools. Their report is expected to be released at the end of Term 3.

State of our Schools Survey

The SSTUWA conducts important research every two years, taking the pulse of members in our schools. This is done through a survey.

The WA State of our Schools 2023 survey is designed to provide feedback on a range of current issues and challenges facing staff in WA public schools.

The results will feed into the current review into public education and can be used as evidence to support negotiations for the 2023 General Agreement and our calls for increased funding. It is therefore extremely important to have as many members as possible complete the survey.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and is open until 4pm Monday 28 August.

We really need to hear from you about the state of our schools across WA so please take the time to complete the survey today.

Log of Claims

Members now have access to the proposed Log of Claims. Voting has opened and it is vital that all members have their say.

Members may only vote once, either as an individual online or having their vote recorded in a branch vote. Union representatives at each branch will advise members if they opt to conduct a branch vote at their workplace.

Instructions to vote online are available at sstuwa.org.au/GA2023

Members will be able to review the Log of Claims there too. Please ensure you are logged into the website and have your membership number ready.

Voting closes 4pm Monday 28 August. Members will be informed via eNews of the outcome.

Level 3 Classroom Teacher

As a Level 3 Classroom Teacher (L3CT) myself, I know how robust the application process is. So, to everyone who submitted their portfolio this year, congratulations.
Undertaking the process and applying takes commitment, a great deal of self-reflection and determination.

Whether this is your first time at applying or you have vowed it would be your last, regardless of the outcome, take some time to reflect and be proud of your achievements.

For those of you who have already achieved your L3CT status and are based in the metro area, I would like to invite you to join L3CT Association (L3CTA) committee members at our end of August event at the Civic Hotel in Inglewood on Thursday 31 August from 4.30pm.

This event will provide L3CTs with the opportunity to network with colleagues and participate in professional learning about the use of ChatGPT in education by Dr Grant Cooper from Curtin University's School of Education.

Light food and drink will be provided for members. L3CTs who are not members of the L3CTA are asked to contribute $20. Or you can become a member on the day for just $50.

To register your attendance, email contact@l3cta.org.au by 21 August.



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