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Back to school?

Parents are weary of the ongoing industrial threats from teachers.

The threatened industrial action on the first two full school days of the year is nothing short of extortion. For many thousands of children around the state who are keen to embark on the school year, the ride to the 2009 year may get off to a bumpy start.

Shoes polished, bags packed and holiday tales aplenty students in New South Wales are facing the prospect of schools not being staffed due to industrial action.

Parents are sympathetic to the teachers in New South Wales public schools seeking a pay increase, however, money is not the only value at stake. School communities are tired of strike action being the means of which the teachers are seeking their increase.

Ongoing dialogue and continued communication is what is essential in resolving matters of employment, by striking the teachers rob students of educational opportunities and the continued inconvenience on families.

P&C Federation President, Dianne Giblin states, "Parents are anxious as to what the new school year brings. Families are days out of the school year and are not sure if teachers are to strike or not. This situation is disgusting and does nothing to encourage support for the teachers claim for a pay increase".

The Parents and Citizens Association urges teachers, their Federation and Government to work together towards a resolution that has minimal impact on students in New South Wales.

"Education is not disposable and no child should have their educational needs revoked at the expense of an industrial matter." Ms Giblin affirmed.

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