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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

**The meetings are paid union meetings, which means**

**Woodstock School will be closed on**

**Monday 12 September until 12.00 pm**

**while staff attend the meeting.**

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

We encourage you to keep your children home until 12.00 pm. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Mills  
Principal