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# Standing together for our schools

**Current Government proposals and the economic climate suggest that teachers and the education service will be facing difficult times ahead.**

The NUT stands for a good local school for every child. We are asking other teachers' organisations to join us in campaigning for this goal.

## Academies Bill

The Academies Bill reveals major contradictions. An emphasis on greater power for local communities is belied by the Government's proposal to remove the requirement to consult local councils before an Academy is opened.

The expansion of the Academies' programme will mean that billions of pounds of publicly funded assets in the form of buildings and land will be transferred out of public hands.

## Education and Children's Bill

The Government has an opportunity, when it publishes this Bill in the autumn, to put forward fundamental reforms of Ofsted and the curriculum and to provide additional support for pupil behaviour.

The NUT's message to Government is that schools don't need a tougher Ofsted or a more prescriptive and narrower curriculum. We urge the Government to initiate a fundamental review of the way in which schools are accountable, to ensure that support rather than punishment follows any inspection.

We welcome the promised additional funding for schools. However, it is by no means inevitable that a Pupil Premium will in itself close the gap between rich and poor children.

Christine Blower, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

***"Current proposals will undermine properly accountable local authority education provision. We need a good local school for every child, working within the local family of schools. The NUT will seek to work with other teachers' organisations to attain this goal."***

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