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Academies Bill – an undemocratic outrage!

The Government is by-passing constitutional and democratic processes to make the Academies Bill an Act by the summer. There is no justification for fast-tracking this Bill through parliament. The issues involved are not matters of national security or economic melt down.

Rushed legislative processes make for bad law. The NUT continues to advise schools not to make the move to academy status.

Concessions don't go far enough

Successful lobbying by NUT members and others has forced welcome concessions on SEN and Freedom of Information. The Government has also conceded that schools should carry out some consultation before becoming an academy. The Union will continue to lobby for a full and meaningful consultation process.

If you haven't done so already, please go to www.teachers.org.uk to email your MP and ask them to help ensure proper consultation by signing the Early Day Motion on the Academies Bill.

Government mistakes

The Government rushed out the list of winners and losers on Building Schools for the Future (BSF) funding without consulting schools – and had to apologise for mistakes on the list. Hundreds of schools and thousands of pupils won't get much needed and long promised funding for new school buildings. Many parents, teachers and other school staff are deeply concerned about the impact of these cuts.

Save our Schools – Lobby of Parliament

Following the announcement of cuts to the BSF programme and to coincide with the Second Reading of the Academies Bill, the education unions are organising a joint rally and lobby of parliament on Monday 19 July.

Methodist Central Hall, London, from 11.30am

Rally: 1pm – 2pm

Lobby: 2.30pm onwards

For more details, go to the NUT website. To register for the lobby, contact your association/division or your regional office.

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

“The Academies Bill and the by-passing of constitutional and democratic processes to make it an Act are a national disgrace. If your school is threatened by a move to academy status, get together with your colleagues to campaign against the move. For campaigning steps to take in school go to www.teachers.org.uk/academies.”

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