

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS

# FAIR PAY FOR TEACHERS

## PETITION FOR FAIR PAY

We the undersigned call upon the Government to ensure increases in school teachers' pay in order to restore it to the professional levels necessary to recruit, retain and motivate teachers.

We note that teachers' national pay increases each year since 2004 have been below the rate of inflation as measured by the Retail Prices Index; that the current rate of inflation is 4.1 per cent; and that the proposed teachers' pay increase for September 2008 is only 2.45 per cent. The cumulative result of all of these below-inflation pay increases is that teachers' pay has been cut, in real terms, by some 5 per cent since 2004.

We note further that the Government has previously accepted the recommendation of the School Teachers' Review Body that if the average rate of inflation over the twelve months to March 2008 was to exceed 3.25 per cent then the STRB could be asked to seek a remit to review the teachers' pay increase for September 2007. In the event inflation has averaged 4.1 per cent over that period and the NUT has called upon the STRB to seek such a remit.

We call upon the Secretary of State to give the STRB a remit to review teachers' pay with the aim of increasing teachers' pay to restore the pay losses since 2004 and to ensure competitiveness and comparability with other professional graduate employments.

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