

Chair of Governors
Wetherby High School
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Dear Sir or Madam

I was informed by Richard Martin of ATL yesterday that the formal consultation on the proposed Wetherby Trust finishes today. I am aware that Richard has written to you on behalf of the teacher unions, requesting an extension of the consultation period on the grounds that no start or finish dates to the consultation were published and that local union officers have not been informed about the Trust proposals.

I am writing to support this request to an extension. In the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, one of the local stakeholders that must be consulted include

e) Any trade union who represent staff at the school and representatives of any trade union of any other staff at schools that may be affected by the proposals.....

I don't believe these stakeholders have been consulted as:

i) I am aware that the GMB has members at Wetherby High School but no representation. Therefore the school must consult with their local representative, i.e. the local union officers.

and

ii) There are schools in Wetherby that may be affected by these proposals and the representatives of trade union of staff in those schools have not been consulted.

For these reasons I am asking for an extension to the consultation process as requested in Richard Martin's (ATL) letter.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Steve Thompson
Assistant Secretary