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# Let's speak with one voice for education

Now, more than ever, it is time for us all to work together. The prospect of £6 billion in spending cuts this year could pose a huge threat to education and the children we teach.

The NUT will be seeking early meetings with the new Government to put forward our positive agenda for schools and colleges.

The NUT is also making approaches to teaching and support staff unions with a view to a unified response to the new Coalition Government.

## The key issues

We need to work together to:

- Stop any cuts to education funding
- Safeguard our pay and pensions
- Reform the current punitive inspection system

- Reverse the expansion of academies and stand against any attempt to introduce "free" schools
- Reform assessment and end league tables in primary schools in England.

## Together on assessment reform

Last week's successful action by the NUT and NAHT against SATs showed what can be achieved when unions work together.

## Together to stop the BNP

During the election campaign a wide range of trade unions and other organisations came together to campaign against racism and fascism – and won. The BNP did not make any significant in-roads in these elections. In the key campaigning area of Barking and Dagenham they were wiped out on the council and they also lost council seats in Stoke-on-Trent.

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

***"Now, more than ever, it's important for all those involved in education to speak with one voice. Our children deserve a world class education and you can't get that on the cheap. The NUT believes that the teaching profession should stand firm and united. We all need to work together to oppose any threats to our education service."***

Our aim – one union for all teachers

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