

JOINT NEGOTIATING COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

30 July 2009

**To:- Chief Executives
Council Members
MSO/TUSO**

Joint Negotiating Council Circular No. 169 School Meals Abatement (Deduction) Catering Staff, Supervisory Assistants and Supervisory Assistants (Teachers)

The Joint Negotiating Council at its meeting held on Friday 15 June 2007 agreed that a rate of 0.30p be paid by staff who avail of a school meal with effect from 1 September 2008.

Facility to Opt In or Out of the Abatement Arrangements

New Staff appointed with effect from 1 July 2009

New staff will be given the option to opt in or out of the arrangements and will have two months' grace from the commencement of employment to opt out should their circumstances change. There will be no provision to opt in/out of the abatement after the two month period has passed.

Existing Staff appointed prior to 1 July 2009

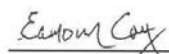
Existing staff who had previously expressed a desire to opt out of the school meals abatement arrangement because they did not avail of the meal will be given an opportunity to opt out and, following a checking procedure, appropriate refunds will be made and staff removed from the arrangements from an agreed date.

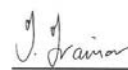
There will be a facility to review the implementation of this circular after two years at the request of either Side.


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