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THE CHAIRMAN of the Negotiating CouncilTHE WORLD TRADE CENTRE

SIR,

We act on behalf of the parents of Phoenix who totally oppose the line of action adopted by the teachers. We are very concerned about the Education of our children. We view the strike as being disruptive and unjustified at this time of the year as being one that is absolutely against the welfare and interest of our children's education. We implore you urgently to take steps to normalise the situation in the schools.

The majority of we the parents are workers who earn a pittance. A number of us work on short time and equally large number of parents have been unemployed due to the economic situation in South Africa. We are not wealthy. We earn a meagre wage. We are trying our level best in most difficult circumstances to educate our children. If this strike continues indefinitely, many children will fail their examination. We cannot afford to keep our children one year longer at school because of lack of financial resources. Furthermore we believe that the time lost during this period can never be made up. Our Matric pupils are being severely prejudiced.

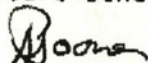
We humbly appeal to the Chairman of the Multi-party negotiating Council, the only salvation for our children in this world is a decent education. We the parents, have sacrificed a great deal, both financially and otherwise to educate our children so that they may lead better lives than us.

We hope the meeting on Wednesday will be resolved amicably so the situation will be back to normal in schools.

We pray for peace in South Africa.

We await your reply to our memorandum.

Yours sincerely



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