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TEACHERS DELIVER DAMNING VERDICT ON GTC(E)

Teachers have delivered a damning verdict on the General Teaching Council England, according to a survey released today by NASUWT, the largest union representing teachers and headteachers throughout the UK.

- 88% of respondents said they did not support the work of the GTC.
- 96% did not feel they were properly informed about its work.
- 95% do not believe the GTC represents their views on teaching and learning.
- 98% do not believe it provides good value for money.
- 95% do not believe the GTC has made a major contribution to the status of the teaching profession.
- 94% support NASUWT's call for urgent action to restrict the work of GTC England to its registration and regulation activities to prevent duplication of the work of other bodies.

Chris Keates, General Secretary of NASUWT, the largest union representing teachers and headteachers throughout the UK, said:

"In the space of only a week nearly 7,000 teachers responded to our online survey. Their verdict is damning.

"It is absolutely clear from the responses that the manner in which the GTC interprets its remit finds little favour.

"It is also evident that teachers would not countenance an increase in the registration fee in order to facilitate more of the same.

"There is no evidence to suggest that it is valued or adds value.

"The GTC would do well to concentrate on what it does best, discharging its regulatory function, rather than endlessly pursuing topics and activities which apparently make little impact on the profession and which in many cases are addressed more effectively and appropriately by others.

"The GTC has accused NASUWT of being hostile towards it. Compared with the responses from teachers our comments would fall into the category of glowing testimony."

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Notes to Editors:

GTC Online Survey available on request.

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