



# Teachers and Headteachers to ballot against SATS **VOTE YES TO SATS BOYCOTT**

**\* NO TO LEAGUE TABLES & TYRANNY OF TESTING**  
**\* YES TO MODERATED TEACHER ASSESSMENT**

The NUT and the National Association of headteachers (NAHT) are engaged in a joint campaign against the tyranny of testing and league tables.

In the next phase of the campaign both unions are asking their members to vote on SATs in surveys.

The NUT's indicative ballot will run from Nov 2nd to Nov 30th (dates may

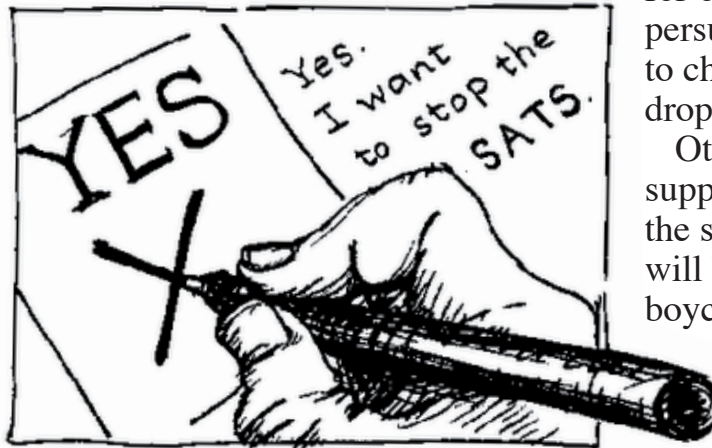
be extended due to postal strikes).

Both unions want to use this process

for one final attempt to persuade the Government to change its mind and drop the tests.

Otherwise, if members support the campaign in the surveys, the unions will ballot together to boycott the SATs in 2010.

Please use your vote and **VOTE YES**



## **Authors against SATs...**

### **ALL THE EFFORT AND MONEY HAS GONE AWAY FROM BOOKS**

“The questions on English SATs papers are not about stories, they're about factual accounts and reproducing the sequence of stories. The basic process of response, of feeling, and of letting children share that feeling has been pushed to one side. All this effort and money that has gone into SATs has gone away from the enjoyment of books.”

**Mike Rosen** - *Children's Laureate 2007-09, author of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" presenter of Radio 4's "Word of Mouth"*

### **TIME TO RESCUE OUR CHILDREN FROM A TICK BOX CURRICULUM**

“Instead of a broad curriculum, the obsession with high stakes testing is driving us to a tick box curriculum measuring short term memory rather than in-depth knowledge and understanding. It is time to rescue our children from a Gradgrindian experience of school”

**Alan Gibbons** – *award winning author of "Shadow of the Minotaur" and organiser of the Campaign for the Book*

### **THE TESTS ARE MAKING CHILDREN HATE BOOKS.**

“The government's brutal school testing regime is creating a generation of children who hate reading and feel nothing but hostility for literature. Drilling to meet the demands of tests makes children's writing empty, conventional and worthless. The things you can test are not actually the most important things”

**Philip Pullman** – *award winning author of "The Northern Lights"*

# VOTE **YES** BECAUSE SATS:

- Cause unnecessary stress for children, parents & teachers
- Are not for children, only for government
- Narrow the curriculum and drive out creativity
- Are not done in private schools or secondaries
- Are not done in Wales, Scotland or Ireland
- Do not improve learning or standards
- Create the tyranny of league tables



VOTE **YES** TO TRUSTING TEACHERS