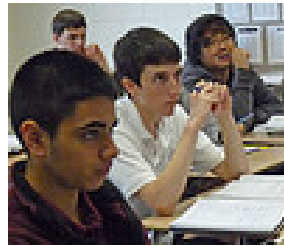


SUBJECT MANAGEMENT MATTERS IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The City of Edinburgh Council have decided to save money by reducing the number of principal teachers in secondary school by amalgamating departments.



How will this affect our children's education?

Principal Teachers are

- Responsible for Curriculum Development
 - The experts in their subject
 - The Quality Assurers of courses
 - The leaders of their subject staff
- Reviewers of the career development of colleagues
 - Reviewers of the performance of colleagues
- Providers of advice, support and guidance to colleagues

It will be the Principal Teachers who lead their subjects through the vagueness that is "Curriculum for Excellence".

It will be the Principal Teachers who ensure that new courses are created that meet national standards.

It will be the Principal Teachers who ensure that assessments are verified to national standards.

The Council's plans make **NO financial sense**
- the larger a department the larger the salary, the more non-teaching time and replacement teacher time required for the principal teacher.

The Council's plans make **NO educational sense**
- is it sensible to have a computing teacher also in charge of Business Education, Home Economics and Craft, Design & Technology?

The Council's plans make **NO motivational sense**
-there will be fewer promotion prospects for classroom teachers and it will become more difficult to attract staff.

The Council's plans make **NO political sense**
- how can we raise attainment without the specialised management within subjects.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

Email your councillor expressing opposition to the council's plans.

Speak to your local councillor at their surgery expressing your fears for the quality of your children's education.

Lobby the Education, Children and Families committee at 9am on Tuesday the 21st June at the City Chambers.