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## **NIPSA CALLS ON THE SEELB TO REINSTATE 2 WEEK SUMMER SCHEME**

NIPSA, the leading public service trade union in Northern Ireland, welcomed the decision yesterday of the Western and Southern Education and Library Boards to reinstate the 2 weeks Summer Schemes for Children with Special Needs. NIPSA now calls on the South Eastern Education and Library Board to do likewise and reinstate the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of their summer schemes so that these vulnerable children can get the full benefits they previously enjoyed.

Alison Millar, NIPSA Deputy General Secretary stated:-

***“NIPSA welcomes the decision by the Southern and Western Education and Library Boards to reverse their earlier decision which ensures these vulnerable children and their families receive this vital service.***

***In doing so NIPSA calls on the Education Minister, Catriona Ruane to provide the Board with the additional resources required to ensure that another service is not cut in a ‘robbing Peter to pay Paul’ scenario. In terms of the overall budgets this is a drop in the ocean and can NIPSA believe be found the in extensive overall Education budget.”***

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