

Public turns on teachers: survey

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A survey indicates public opinion is turning against the teachers' union, as schools across South Australia were affected by strikes for a fourth straight day.

The survey was commissioned by the Association of State Schools and revealed only one-in-five parents supports the teachers' industrial action over pay and conditions.

Association director David Knuckey says only 4 per cent believe the action has anything to do with a new funding model, which has been a sticking point in negotiations.

"This ongoing circus that we're seeing with strike and threat and strike and bigger threat is just annoying everyone," he said.

About 400 people attended a rally at Industrial Relations Minister Paul Caica's office at Henley Beach, as teachers push for a 21 per cent pay rise.

Talks have resumed, but the union has threatened a two-day strike later in the term unless a better offer is made soon.

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teachers rally in western suburbs of adelaide, July 7 2008 (ABC News)

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