

Action by teachers expected

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SENIOR teachers in government secondary schools were "very likely" to take some form of industrial action despite recent concessions by the Education Department, union spokesmen said yesterday.

Representatives from the Union of Graduate Officers in Government Secondary Schools met the Director of Education, Mr Li Yuet-ting, this week to discuss a list of seven demands submitted to the Education Department in January.

In contrast to earlier meetings, union spokesmen said, Mr Li was "sincere" and promised to set up a working committee to examine two of the union's proposals relating to improving the ratio of education officers to assistants and increasing the number of senior education officers.

The union will continue, however, with a previously scheduled extraordinary general meeting today, and union vice-chairman Ms Stella Hui Lai-shun said it was "very likely" that members would vote for some industrial action - possibly halting all non-



Union vice-chairman Stella Hui is prepared for battle with the Education Department despite concessions. professional duties.

"We have not achieved our goals yet and we will not give up until we are happy that our conditions have improved," Ms Hui said.

She admitted that the

Education Department seemed to have softened its stance, but said this might not be good enough for the members.

"A change in attitude does not mean a promise of fulfilment," she added.