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Colleges Scotland's comment on supplementary evidence to the Education Committee

John Henderson, chief executive of Colleges Scotland, said: "Colleges are being expected to continue to deliver the same level of full-time equivalent student numbers with a reducing grant in real terms and with increasing costs.

"As teaching staff numbers fall, that's likely to lead to a significant change in how education is delivered.

"Colleges and the Scottish Funding Council need to closely monitor the impact to ensure the student experience can be maintained and improved, and that we continue to invest in staff development."

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