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Colleges Scotland Disappointed as Strike Action Goes Ahead

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“It is disappointing that it has come to this. As ever, the students are our top priority, but a number of colleges have had to advise students not to come in today. There is an absolute commitment to minimise disruption to students’ learning and ‘continuity of learning plans’ have been activated around the country.

“We are delivering a reasonable and fair pay rise to all college staff. The 1% pay rise, which is in line with other public sector agreements and above the rate of inflation, was accepted by three out of the four trade unions in Scotland’s colleges. It is the best possible offer in the current difficult funding situation and is intended to protect jobs as well as the needs of students into the future.

“We remain fully committed to continue working with all of the trade unions to tackle the differences in pay and conditions across the college sector in Scotland. We are meeting with the EIS tomorrow and would urge the EIS to call off further planned strikes and keep negotiating.”

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