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Statement on Letter of Guidance from Cabinet Secretary on 'Additional Funds'

John Henderson, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland said: "The Scottish Government's decision to reverse proposed cuts was welcomed by the college sector when the Budget was announced in February.

"The Cabinet Secretary's detailed guidance includes some good news for learners, such as a modest increase in bursaries next year to match inflation.

"Colleges have also been instructed to allocate more provision for adult learners, who account for the vast majority of students, which is very welcome.

"Colleges operate in distinct local and regional economies and are uniquely placed to offer the skills and opportunities required by both employers and learners. We hope that the government allows flexibility in the allocation of resources, recognising colleges' expertise and autonomy."

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