

Colleges Scotland's Statement on Today's Industrial Action by UNISON

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland Employers' Association, said:

"We are disappointed that support staff took industrial action today but we are pleased to report that disruption was kept to a minimum with only two colleges closed.

"We understand that only one third of staff participated in the strike action and we urge UNISON to return to the negotiating table as soon as possible to resolve this dispute.

"UNISON staff have been offered a fair and reasonable pay offer. To put this into context, for almost half of support staff the offer represents a pay increase of 3.6%.

"The UNISON demands are neither affordable nor sustainable going forward."

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