

MEDIA RELEASE

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TEACHING UNIONS REMAIN WILLING TO TALK – BUT ONLY AN IMPROVED OFFER CAN END PAY DISPUTE

Following a request from the Scottish Government, teacher trade unions representatives met informally today with Scottish Government and COSLA representatives to discuss the outstanding teachers' pay claim for 2022/23 – a pay claim that should have been settled and paid to teachers in April last year.

The only offer on the table remains that already unanimously rejected by the Teachers' Side of the SNCT in November last year. As such, all scheduled strike action by teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday next week will proceed as planned.

Commenting, Des Morris, EIS Salaries Convener and Chair of the Teachers' side of the SNCT, said, "Trade unions remain committed to reaching a fair, negotiated pay settlement for Scotland's teaching professionals. In the absence of any new offer, the planned strike action for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week will proceed as scheduled. A planned SNCT meeting has now been brought forward to Monday of next week – at the union side's request – in the hope of advancing discussions towards a new and improved offer to teachers."

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