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**Irish Federation of University Teachers**

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**IRISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS  
VOTES TO ENDORSE NATIONAL PAY DEAL  
AND  
VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST EDUCATION CUTS**

Members of the Irish Federation of University Teachers have voted to accept the terms of the National Pay Agreement.

The deal, which was the subject of a postal ballot of all IFUT members, had been recommended for acceptance by the IFUT Executive.

IFUT's General Secretary, Mike Jennings, said "We are very pleased that our members agreed with our recommendation that the deal was the best available in the current climate. We will now vote accordingly at the ICTU Conference on Monday, 17 November 2008.

"However", said Mr. Jennings, "no one should interpret this decision as implying acceptance by IFUT of the draconian education cuts contained in the recent Budget. In fact, the opposite is the case. Once the pay deal is resolved, we will be able to concentrate on winning the battle for popular and political support to overturn these cuts which will have such a devastating impact on our higher education system."

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