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Four teacher unions prepare for challenges ahead

The Presidents and General Secretaries of the four teacher unions (ASTI, IFUT, INTO and TUI) met today to prepare a strategy against further attacks on the education system in the coming months.

All four unions are gravely concerned that cutbacks already in place are having a detrimental effect on the education system. The four unions are working to roll back the worst of the current cutbacks and to prevent a further deterioration of the education system in the form of more cutbacks.

Staffing and other cutbacks at primary, post-primary and third-level are severely damaging the education system and the country is at risk of suffering a sharp fall in educational standards if the sector is further targeted.

The unions are committed to maintaining the highest standards within the education system, particularly for the disadvantaged in the communities in which members work.

As trade unions, there is also concern for the security of tenure and conditions of service of teachers and lecturers.

The unions will continue to meet with a view to further organising cohesive structures that will give greater unity of purpose for the challenges in the weeks and months ahead.

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