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# Pay, pensions and funding under threat

Chancellor George Osborne's Spending Review announcement has confirmed devastating cuts to public spending in Wales over the next four years. He has also confirmed the intention to press ahead with attacks on teachers' pay and pensions.

## The scale of the cuts

Next year's Welsh Assembly Government budget will be cut by £900m – a hammer blow indeed. It will be followed by further cuts averaging 3.1% per year, a total of 12% over the four year period.

Funding for schools now depends upon the WAG Budget to be presented on 17 November 2010.

Carwyn Jones, First Minister for Wales, has said that the Welsh Assembly Government is determined to protect investment in schools and protect initiatives such as free breakfast and milk for primary children. The Education Minister has confirmed his commitment to closing the gap

in per capita funding for pupils in England and Wales. He also wants to ensure that LAs use their budgets wisely in order for more money to be given to frontline services. NUT Cymru will work to protect schools in Wales.

## Local authority services under threat

Vital frontline education services to schools are already being cut. Local authority services will be devastated by any further cuts. Schools will lose these services or have to pay more for them, hitting budgets further.

## Pensions attack confirmed

George Osborne has confirmed the Government's attack on our pensions with a 3% rise in pension contributions. That will cost NQTs over £40 a month and those on UPS3 over £70. Other changes are threatened. The Government has confirmed it wants you to pay more, work longer and get less in your pension. These cuts, together with a two year pay freeze, will cut teachers' take home pay significantly.

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Christine Blower, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

*"The NUT will fight hard to defend teachers, schools and the education service. The Coalition Government has talked about protecting schools but its funding settlement for Wales threatens schools and local authorities. The proposed cuts to funding, pensions and pay are unacceptable."*

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