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Colleagues

There can be no doubt as to the pride teachers take in our young people, schools and profession.

Yesterday afternoon’s protests have sent a clear message to government – INTO teachers, along with fellow ATL, NAHT and UTU co-workers, refuse to be undervalued.

Despite the poor weather and demands of the working day hundreds of INTO members across the north took a stand at their school gates to engage with parents and the public. The air time and column inches devoted to our campaign is thanks in no small part to the motivation and consensus across our profession to challenge what can only be described as a miserable pay offering - amounting to less than the price of a litre of milk per day.

Thanks to members, Northern Committee and our Officials an emphatic message has been sent to government, a one per cent pay rise offer for 2016-17 but no pay rise for last year is simply insulting.

INTO, in conjunction with other union colleagues, will continue with our action; regular updates will be issued via bulletins and the INTO website.

Your membership and support remains, as ever, crucial to the protection of education.

GERRY MURPHY
Northern Secretary