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Annwyl Brif Weinidog,

Wrth ddod yn Brif Weinidog fis Gorffennaf diwethaf, fe wnaethoch chi nodi ymrwymiad eich llywodraeth i dwf ac ymestyn cyfleoedd i bobl ar draws gwledydd y DU. Fel arweinwyr pob coleg o fewn y pedair gwlad hyn, rydym yn glir bod gan ein sefydliadau rôl hanfodol i'w chwarae wrth gyflawni hynny - ac yn wir ar draws pob un o'r pum cenhadaeth rydych chi wedi'u nodi. Mae hyn yn rhywbeth yr ydym wedi ymrwymo iddo'n sylfaenol. Wrth i'ch cynlluniau cenhadaeth ac adolygiad gwariant y Canghellor ddatblygu, rydym felly'n eich annog i sicrhau bod y rol yr ydym yn ei chwarae dros bobl, cyflogwyr a chymunedau - a'n potensial i wneud cymaint mwy - yn flaenllaw ac yn ganolog yn eich meddwl a'n bod yn cael y lle a'r buddsoddiad i gyflawni ein huchelgeisiau a rennir.

Fel y gwyddoch, mae colegau'n rhan hanfodol o'n seilwaith cenedlaethol, ac yn sefydliadau angor allweddol wrth wraidd eu cymunedau a'u heconomiâu lleol. Mae hynny'n cynnwys tair elfen benodol sy'n allweddol i gyflawni agenda eich llywodraeth.

1. Mae colegau'n ganolog i ddarparu cyfleoedd i bobl ifanc gael yr addysg, y sgiliau a'r cyfoethogi ehangach sy'n caniatáu iddynt gael y dechrau gorau mewn bywyd a sicrhau cyflogaeth ystyrlon.
2. Mae colegau hefyd yn ganolog i gyflawni'r strategaeth ddiwydiannol, gan ddarparu'r sgiliau sydd eu hangen ar draws y sectorau twf (ac ar gyfer y GIG ac adeiladu), gan gefnogi llwybrau medrus ar draws yr economi ehangach mewn marchnad lafur sy'n newid. Bydd hyn yn gofyn am ddim llai na chwyldro mewn addysg a hyfforddiant oedolion, wrth i ni geisio uwchsgilio ac ailhyfforddi cannoedd o filoedd o oedolion dros y ddegawd nesaf i lenwi'r bylchau sgiliau ac addasu i ddyfodol sy'n llawn technoleg.
3. Yn olaf, mae gan golegau rôl allweddol i'w chwarae wrth sicrhau nad yw oedolion â sgiliau sylfaenol gwael yn cael eu gadael ar ôl mewn bywyd ac mewn gwaith - pobl sydd eisiau cyfrannu'n llawn at yr economi a'u cymunedau ond sydd angen cymorth mewn llythrennedd, mathemateg a sgiliau digidol er mwyn gwneud hynny.

Bydd y tair elfen hyn o weithgarwch coleg - i bobl ifanc, mewn sectorau twf ac mewn addysg cymunedol i oedolion - yn allweddol i hybu cynhyrchiant ac i ddatgloi cyfleoedd i bawb. Heb fuddsoddiad digonol yn ein sector, mae'r DU mewn perygl o syrthio ar ei hôl hi o ran cystadleurwydd byd-eang, gan fethu â bodloni gofynion diwydiannau sy'n dod i'r amlwg a diwydiannau traddodiadol - a byddwn hefyd yn methu â manteisio ar y rôl y gall colegau ei chwarae'n ehangach hefyd, gan gynnwys wrth yrru'r newid gwyrdd, chwalu rhwystrau i gyfleoedd i bawb a chefnogi cymunedau iach, diogel a chydlynol.

Rydym am i'ch cynlluniau ar gyfer twf a chyfleoedd osod colegau fel atebion a phartneriaid lle mae buddsoddiad yn dod â chynydd clir. Felly roedd yn arbennig o addawol gweld cyhoeddiad y Canghellor yn y Datganiad Gwanwyn ynghylch buddsoddi yn y sgiliau sydd eu hangen i gefnogi uchelgeisiau adeiladu tai ac ôl-osod y llywodraeth - a gobeithiwn y bydd hyn yn cael ei

atgynhyrchu ar gyfer sectorau allweddol eraill ac ar gyfer eich holl genadaethau i gefnogi eich cynllun ar gyfer twf.

Wrth gwrs, mae polisi a chyllid addysg a sgiliau yn fater datganoledig, felly dim ond i golegau ledled Lloegr y mae penderfyniadau gwariant a wneir yn yr adolygiad gwariant yn berthnasol yn uniongyrchol - ond rydym yn glir fel arweinwyr colegau ar draws y pedair gwlad y bydd buddsoddiad sy'n canolbwyntio ar addysg bellach a sgiliau yn yr adolygiad gwariant yn ddatganiad pwerus o fwriad, ac yn arfogi gweinyddiaethau datganoledig â'r cyllid sydd ei angen arnynt i adnoddau colegau. Mae'r rhai ohonom yn y gwledydd datganoledig yn galw yn yr un modd ar ein llywodraethau cenedlaethol i ymateb i'r adolygiad gwariant gydag ymrwymiad llwyr i addysg bellach a sgiliau fel bod twf a chyfleoedd newydd yn wirioneddol fuddiol i ni i gyd.

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