

24 March 2017

Rt Hon Justine Greening MP
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Dear Ms Greening

You will be aware that I contacted you via e-mail on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

You will also know that colleague Heads and their associations from 14 counties are liaising and working together in order to secure an improved school funding settlement.

Whilst the introduction of a new National Funding Formula is universally welcomed, there are elements that need to improve.

In addition, the new National Funding Formula itself should not, in our view, be considered separately from other spending priorities made by the Department for Education. Also, the formula's impact / effectiveness cannot be isolated from the ongoing introduction of significant unfunded cost burdens.

School leaders retain a mixture of concern, anxiety and real frustration about the current situation. We also recognise that the Department for Education has "a difficult hand to play" and we want to be constructive in supporting an improved way forward. To date, our campaign work has been underscored by a desire to be "relentlessly reasonable", this is matched only by an equal desire to be "relentlessly determined".

Against this background, we would welcome the opportunity for representatives of our joint group to meet with you and the Schools Minister - Nick Gibb MP - at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Jules White

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