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2nd March 2017

Copy letter sent to Members of Parliament, North West

Dear

I have attached a letter which is signed by over 150 secondary headteachers across the North West of England. This letter is protesting about the cuts to education budgets, which have been confirmed by a report from the National Audit Office in December 2016 to be in the region of £3bn nationally by 2020. We are also extremely concerned about the impact of proposals for the National Funding Formula. The combined impact of both of these measures cuts the total budget for secondary schools in the North West by at least £400,000,000 by 2020. This figure does not include the impact of rising costs due to inflation or the apprenticeship levy, which will have an adverse impact on most secondary schools.

Please can we ask for your support in challenging the cuts, in real terms, to education nationally, but specifically to secondary education in the North West and particularly in your constituency? We would be exceptionally grateful if you can raise our concerns with ministers in both the Department for Education and the Treasury.

We state that the impact of this unprecedented cut in funding will result in a future which 'is potentially a bleak choice between making significant reductions in staff, with a constrained capacity to implement change, raise standards and offer a broad and engaging curriculum for children, or an untenable budget deficit.'

If you have any queries concerning the information in our letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or any colleague headteachers across the North West.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Randle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

D Randle
Headteacher