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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing this letter on behalf of all Primary and Secondary Headteachers in Stockport. You may be aware from the local or national press that the government is planning to introduce a new National Funding Formula for all schools in England, from April 2018 onwards. Our Local Authority, Stockport, is currently one of the worst funded in the country and has been for a considerable number of years. This means that on average your child is currently funded at approximately £1000 below that of neighbouring authorities like Manchester, which may not sound a great amount of money but this actually equates to around £200,000 per year for a large secondary school like Werneth School.

We believe that this is an unfair system, based on a postcode lottery, and it is clear that children in areas like ours are being disadvantaged. We were delighted, therefore, when an announcement from government promised to introduce a fairer system, but unfortunately the new proposals do not diminish the disadvantage between authorities enough and we are still seeing a significant difference in allocation for our children compared to others across the country. In our view, the National Funding Formula needs to be amended so that all schools can educate their children effectively, regardless of where in the country this is. This is not the case with the current proposals.

All schools in Stockport are planning a range of responses to raise awareness of the unfairness of these proposals and we really need your support as parents. You can help us by contacting your MP William Wragg. We have attached a useful proforma should you wish to use it.

We know how important your child's education is to you and also feel that a strong response is necessary. May we thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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