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Dear Colleague,

Today the Secretary of State announced a further six Opportunity Areas in England where we will focus the Department for Education's energy, ideas and resources on providing children and young people with the chances and choices to fulfil their potential. One of the Opportunity Areas announced was Doncaster.

We want to build a country that works for everyone. That means levelling opportunity for all young people. It means removing the barriers that stop people from being the best they can be. These barriers are particularly acute in some parts of the country. That's why we have selected Opportunity Areas. We want to work with these areas to remove those barriers, widen children's horizons and help them reach their potential. In these areas we will make sure children get the best start in the early years, improve teaching and leadership in schools, increase access to university, strengthen technical pathways for young people, and work with employers to improve young people's access to the right advice and experiences. Taking a localised approach means we can unite around the specific challenges each area faces.

We will make available up to £72 million of new funding to support this work across early years, schools, further and higher education across the 12 Opportunity Areas.

We know every area is different so we will be working with local partners in Doncaster on how to make this work in practice.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative. We will let you have further details shortly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at Opportunity.Areas@education.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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