

Mr Gary Fair
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Dear Mr Fair

My child / children attend(s) _____ Primary School. I am very concerned to learn that the indicative budgets provided for schools would suggest that further significant cuts to primary school budgets can be anticipated. Moreover, I am dismayed that the Secretary of State has announced a further reduction of 2.5% to these already inadequate indicative budgets. Schools have already been forced to cut provision for our children. Last year so many schools were planning a deficit budget over a three-year term, the Education Authority was unable to sign off on these budgets. For the Department of Education to consider further reductions is, therefore, unthinkable.

I ask you to reconsider your position and to advise any future Education Minister, or interim funding authority, that the budgets being currently considered for schools are grossly inadequate, even within the current climate of austerity.

Yours Sincerely

Parent