



Right Honourable Justine Greening MP
Secretary of State for Education
Department for Education
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Dear Secretary of State,

As Chair and Vice Chair of f40, the campaign group for fairer funding of education, we want to offer our warmest congratulations to you on being promoted to the position of Secretary of State for Education in yesterday's Cabinet reshuffle.

As a group f40 hopes that you have a very successful tenure in this extremely high profile role and we look forward to developing a constructive and productive relationship with you.

It would be unfair to burden you with information and requests so soon after your appointment, but we are naturally concerned to ensure that the excellent relationship we established with your predecessor, Nicky Morgan MP and the Department for Education generally, is maintained as we move towards the final hurdle in achieving a new funding formula for schools.

We are sure your officials will bring you speedily up-to-date on the current position on school funding and the contribution that f40 has played – and hopes to continue to play – in working jointly on the development of the new formula.

Earlier this year we participated in the Stage 1 Consultation on the principles of fair funding and we have waited patiently for the promised Stage 2 Consultation, which we anticipate will present specific proposals for change. We have been working on the basis of a government commitment to the introduction of fair funding in 2017-18 and it is hoped that you will be able to continue on that basis. However, the timeframe for introducing such a change in six months' time is now extremely tight, meaning a very quick decision from you is essential.

With that in mind it might be useful to set a date for a team from f40 to meet you and formally present our work. If you agree, f40's Secretary, Doug Allan, would be happy to work with your office to agree a time and date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ivan Ould'.

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