Historical Timeline – Key events

f40

2019

New f40 briefing paper is agreed.

f40 research among its membership on School Block Transfers to High Needs.

f40 sub group prepares 2019 campaign strategy.

Local Government Association publishes SEND research by the Isos Partnership.

2018

f40 meets DfE to present f40's updated NFF proposals.

f40 writes to the Chancellor appealing for additional cash via the 2019 Comprehensive Spending Review.

Meeting with Damian Hinds MP, Secretary of State for Education.

f40 modelling shows a £2billion Schools Block shortfall in funding in 2018-19 and a potential shortfall of £3.7billion in 2019-20, plus a £1.5billion shortfall in High Needs in 2018-19.

Submissions on Schools Block and High Needs made to the Education Select Committee.

2017

Survey of f40 member authorities to ascertain their views on the NFF and the future of the campaign group. Meeting with DfE to discuss latest thinking on NFF and f40 issues.

f40 writes to Secretary of State welcoming planned extra cash but stating that anticipated NFF proposals don't go far enough.

38 of f40's member LAs sign a letter to the PM expressing concerns about NFF plans.

Government announces its NFF proposals with additional funding of £1.3billion and full implementation by 2020-21.

f40 welcomes extra £900million funding but regrets delay in publishing details on the introduction of NFF.

f40 submits response to the Stage 2 Fair Funding Consultation.

2016

National School Funding Consultation (Stage 1) Schools and High Needs submissions.

Fair Funding Consultation Stage 2 dialogue launched. f40 consults all of its member authorities on approach to be taken.

Fair Funding Consultation launched.

2015

Chancellor confirms fair funding review in Autumn Spending Review.

Isos Research Outcomes re SEN Funding published.

Letter to Prime Minister signed by 111 MPs.

Submission to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) consultation.

2014

Submission to consultation on Fairer Funding 2015-16.

The Fairer Schools Funding consultation increases the total funding package to £390million.

Schools Minister David Laws announces £350million for lowest funded LAs.

2013

f40 approves policy paper Towards a National Funding Formula for Schools – the f40 Perspective.

60 MPs sign letter to Secretary of State calling for National Fair Funding Formula.

2012

Secretary of State rejects f40 case for uplift in funding for poorest LAs.

Proposals for increase in Guaranteed Unit of Funding (GUF) for poorest funded LAs submitted to Secretary of State. Total would be £99million.

School funding for 2012-13 maintained at same level as 2011-12. Pupil Premium increased to £600.

f40 submits response to Next Steps consultation.

Government announces outcome of School Funding Consultation. Acknowledges f40's case – but states there'll be no change until after 2015 election.

2011

Pupil Premium implemented at £430 per pupil.

2010

Consultation – School Funding 2011-12: Introducing a Pupil Premium.

Government launches The Schools White Paper and Coalition government acknowledges f40's case for fair funding.

f40 celebrates an increase in funding for deprivation.

2009

Department for Children, Schools and Families launches Dedicated Schools Grant Formula Review. PricewaterhouseCoopers undertakes research (SEN, ACA & ALF).

2008

Consultation on Future Distribution of School Funding 2008-10.

2007

First ever three-year funding settlement. Didn't address unfairness – gap between 'haves' and 'have nots' continues to grow.

Consultation Schools, Early Years & 14-16 Funding.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council develops Funding Model, later adopted by f40.

2006

Review of Funding Arrangements 2008-09 consultation.

2003

FSS replaces SSA and formula simplified with universal sum and top ups.

1996

E7, and later E8, set up to fight for fair funding. Evolves into f40 group.