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Ref: School Funding Reform – Arrangements for 2013/14. Impact on School Budgets Consultation and Feedback

15 May 2013

Dear Colleague

As you will be aware, there were important changes to the school's funding formula for 2013/14. Schools Forum worked hard to get these right and we would now welcome feedback on the changes that were made.

This feedback will help us to understand the perspective of individual schools, and inform our work on the 2014/15 formula.

In terms of context, it is worth clarifying that Schools Forum has to operate within constraints set out by the DfE. There are only a limited number of set factors which we can adjust. Additionally, adjusting one factor impacts on other factors, so we aimed for a package which gave us the "best fit" solution.

This was based on a number of principles:

- To ensure that there is minimal movement in funds between the Primary and Secondary sectors
- To ensure that the percentage differentials between AWPU levels are broadly in line with the national average
- To reduce the per pupil funding range in both the Primary and Secondary sector
- To ensure that the least funded (per pupil) school does not receive reduced funding
- To retain the current level of deprivation funding

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The factors we could adjust were:

- Basic per Pupil Entitlement (AWPU), including one each for primary, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4
- Deprivation (with a choice of using Free School Meals, Ever 6 Free School Meals and IDACI)
- Looked After Children
- Low Cost, High Incidence SEN (Attainment). For Primary the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile data is used and for Secondary it is the Key Stage 2 data.
- English as an Additional Language
- Pupil Mobility
- Lump Sum (Fixed Factor)
- Split Site Factor
- Rates
- PFI Funding
- Existing Sixth Form Commitments
- London Fringe

The last five factors need to be excluded, as they relate to very few schools or for the last two do not apply, leaving only 7 factors that could be manipulated. Attached is Hillingdon Schools Funding Formula for 2013/14 as agreed and signed off by the Education Funding Agency.

Schools Forum would therefore welcome your views on the following:

1. Are the Principles and Objectives set out above still valid, or would you set a different set of parameters?
2. Are there any particular factors, or part of the “best fit” package, you would like Schools Forum to review?

Attached is a consultation response form. Can you please return this to Peter Malewicz (pmalewicz@hillingdon.gov.uk) by close of play on 3 June 2013.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of
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