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Dear parents and guardians

I'm writing to you because our schools are facing a serious financial threat.

The government is planning to cut three per cent from its funding for Hammersmith & Fulham schools. This would make us one of the hardest-hit areas in the country and would put children's education at risk.

These planned cuts, which are part of the government's National Funding Formula scheme, come at the same time costs are rising in our local schools. During the last three years these costs have increased by 10 per cent.

In small primary schools this financial burden would be over £100,000 per year - the equivalent of at least two teachers. In a secondary school this would mean an even larger financial squeeze, with much less available to spend on children's education.

You can help us fight the cuts by:

- Completing the government consultation. You can find more details and how to respond at: **lbhf.gov.uk/fairfunding**
- Attending our public meeting at Hammersmith Town Hall on **Tuesday 28 February at 7pm.**

We are determined to ensure schools are properly funded by government to maintain the high standards that children deserve.

Teachers and headteachers are backing our calls, including Peter Haylock, chair of the H&F Schools' Forum which meets regularly to examine school budgets. Their letter to the Secretary of State for Education is attached.

Like me, he believes it is essential that we work together to take action.

I urge you to attend our public meeting and help us protect the life chances of children in Hammersmith & Fulham.

CLLr Stephen Cowan

Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council