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Dear Mr Smtih

Fair Funding for West Sussex Schools

I am writing to you as a parent of a student at Ifield Community College School in Crawley, West Sussex. Despite the systematic underfunding for children's education in West Sussex, I was very disappointed to learn that the government has only been able to offer £930k (from April 2016 - March 2017) as an interim payment to the 300 schools in West Sussex. Sadly, this represents an increase of less than £10 per child. Bluntly, it is the equivalent of the cost of a cinema ticket! Bearing in mind that our children are funded 10% less than the national average, this is simply not good enough and children's education across West Sussex will suffer as a result.

I would ask you as our local MP to support two goals:

- A substantial interim payment to West Sussex schools to help reduce the funding inequalities that we face. I support the idea of an additional £200 per student on average which would still leave West Sussex children funded lower than the national average. The current "offer" is simply insufficient and our children continue to be under funded.
- The rapid introduction of a new formula that ensures that children in West Sussex are no longer "Worth Less" than other students in England. We cannot wait for our children to be fairly funded.

I trust that you feel able to support the two goals above.

Yours sincerely,