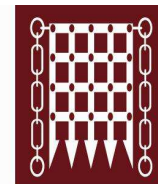


Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for school funding in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th January 2018

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Valentine Mulholland, Head of Policy, NAHT
- 9.05 - 9.15 **School funding in England - the current landscape**
Chris Belfield, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Key issues for implementing the new National Funding Formula: the ongoing role of local authorities and next steps after 2019-20**
In light of the announcement by the Secretary of State of the final National Funding Formula for schools, what is the likely impact in real-terms of the per-pupil funding promise of £3,500 per primary school pupil and £4,800 per secondary school pupil from 2018-2019? To what extent is the overall £2.6 billion cash injection over the transition period until 2020-2021, announced in July, sufficient for schools to maintain or improve current standards in teaching and learning? With Government promising a cash increase for every school, what challenges remain for local authorities in deciding final distribution of funding between schools in local areas until 2020? How effective will the maximum of 3% per-head gains for schools within 'underfunded' local authorities be in improving overall provision for schools in those areas?
Julia Harnden, Funding Specialist, ASCL
Richard Slade, Headteacher, Plumcroft Primary School, London
Michelle Doyle Wildman, Acting Chief Executive, PTA UK
Councillor Ivan Ould, Lead Member for Children and Families, Leicestershire County Council and Chair, F40
Questions and comments from the floor with **Chris Belfield**, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies
- 10.05 - 10.45 **Implementing a high needs funding formula and implications for SEND provision**
How effective will the minimum increase of 0.5% per pupil in 2018-19 and 1% per pupil in 2019-2020 and an average increase of 4.6% for local authorities' high needs budgets be in supporting pupils with SEND in English schools?
Barbara Ball, Managing Director, Asend
Brian Gale, Director, Policy and Campaigns, National Deaf Children's Society
Jules White, Headteacher, Tanbridge House School, West Sussex
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Valentine Mulholland, Head of Policy, NAHT
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lucy Powell MP, Member, House of Commons Education Select Committee
- 11.25 - 12.00 **Beyond the National Funding Formula: priorities for the wider education budget and key challenges for the teaching workforce**
With ongoing concerns surrounding the allocation of school budgets to staffing, resources and CPD, what are the remaining funding challenges faced by headteachers in the overall recruitment and retention of teaching and support staff? What is the likely impact of the Government decision to re-allocate funding intended for other areas of education such as the free schools programme and the soft drinks levy's healthy pupil capital funding programme, to the National Funding Formula?
Valentine Mulholland, Head of Policy, NAHT
Ben Durbin, Head of International Education, National Foundation for Educational Research
Sean Coughlan, Education Correspondent, BBC News
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.25 **Financial efficiency in English schools and supporting frontline teaching**
Following the National Audit Office raising concerns in December 2016 that school funding could see a cut of £3 billion by 2019/20, what changes and new mechanisms might be needed to ensure that schools are able to manage their budgets effectively and ensure their financial sustainability?
Richard de Friend, Chair of Governors, Ark Evelyn Grace Academy, Brixton
Steven Gasser, Executive Director of Professional Development, ISBL
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The National Funding Formula for schools**
Tony Foot, Director, Education Funding Group, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Lucy Powell MP, Member, House of Commons Education Select Committee
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor - Forward Planning, Westminster Education Forum