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**For the attention of: Governing Body and Headteachers of Primary.
Secondary and Special Schools**

**Consultation on Proposed Policy of Additional Protection Allocation for
Schools**

Dear Colleague

I have reviewed the additional protection allocation policy for Schools and am of the opinion that a clause that links the additional protection allocation to the size of the school's balances needs to be added.

The Current Protection Policy

Primary Schools : If the number of school pupils using the primary allocation formula equate to fewer than 2 teachers, the protection policy provides an additional allocation to increase number of teachers to 2, namely a Headteacher and Teacher.

At schools attended by fewer than 15 pupils, the policy is to provide an additional protection allocation in order to employ a Headteacher and Classroom Assistant.

Secondary Schools : If the number of school pupils using the secondary allocation formula equate to fewer than 18.17 teachers, the protection policy provides an additional allocation to increase the number of teachers to 18.17.

Policy Adjustment

My proposed adjustment is to reduce the protection allocation that corresponds to the balances element that exceeds 5%, using the total balances issued at the end of the latest financial year.

A spreadsheet is enclosed that indicates the current situation and the impact of the proposal (currently based on actual pupil numbers September 2014 - adjustments with actual pupil numbers in September 2015 will be required once the full statistics are available).

Please send your school's response to the proposal by Friday, 6 November, 2015, I will then present a report to the schools Finance Forum meeting on 18 November,

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2015, and the Forum's recommendation will be submitted to the Cabinet on 15 December, 2015.

If the proposal meets with the approval of Gwynedd Council cabinet, it will be implemented for the 2016/17 financial year.

The School's response

Regarding the proposal that a clause be added that links the additional protection allocation to the size of the school's balances, please state if the School is, -

In favour of the proposal :

Against the proposal :

No opinion :

Comments :

***Responses to be returned to Annie Sanson
(anniesanson@gwynedd.gov.uk) by Friday, 6 November, 2015.***

Thank you

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