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TO: All Schools and Academies in North Yorkshire
TO: All Schools Forum Members

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Dear Colleague

PETITION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

I would like to draw your attention to an education funding petition has been created that is currently gaining substantial support across the country. The North Yorkshire Schools Forum are keen to support efforts to lobby government for a fairer funding deal for children and schools in North Yorkshire and this is an opportunity for Headteachers, Governors and the wider school community to add their voice on school funding.

The petition can be found here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

The wording in the petition is as follows:

Schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. All schools are working very hard to "make ends meet" but this is becoming increasingly difficult and verging on almost impossible. As funding has become tighter, schools have had to cut back on:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Support for more vulnerable pupils
- Small group work for children who are not thriving in school
- Teaching resources (parents being asked to pay for books and materials)
- Subject choices in secondary schools
- Range of activities for primary pupils
- Extra curricula activities provided free or subsidised
- Repairs to buildings
- Renewal of equipment

The petition currently has over 53,000 signatories and it is hoped that it can quickly increase to 100,000, which could trigger a debate in the House of Commons. As the Chair of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum, please can I ask you to consider signing the petition and circulating this letter or link to others who may be interested in signing the petition.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'I Yapp'.

Ian Yapp
Chair of the NY Schools Forum

