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**MATT WRACK**
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Dear Mairi,

**SEND Funding Update**

As you know from our recent meeting, significant additional funding has been committed by the Westminster Government to support the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system in schools in England and Wales during this Parliament.

Our NASUWT Salaries team has just shared details of what has already been announced regarding this funding and I thought it pertinent to forward to you, given my call that you ring-fence any Barnett Consequentials coming from this increased funding to devote to Additional Support Needs in Scotland's schools.

The funding commitments are:
Department for Education (DfE) budgets will increase above previously planned funding at the 2025 Autumn Budget by £3.5 billion to support investment in the SEND system alongside £3.7 billion of capital investments.

- Early years settings, schools and colleges can benefit from £3.7 billion of capital investment from this year to 2030 to create tens of thousands of new places in Inclusion Bases in mainstream settings, make buildings accessible and create new special school places.
- £1.8 billion over three years will bring education and health professionals directly into mainstream settings.
- A £1.6 billion Inclusive Mainstream Fund over three years will give schools, colleges and early years settings funding to deliver an improved inclusion offer.
- All staff will benefit from national SEND training, backed by over £200 million over three years.

I hope this is helpful and may also inform our discussions about some of the ways in which improvements can be made in ASN in Scotland.

Following a meeting with the Deputy First Minister yesterday about Public Sector Reform, and her stated desire to know of any suggestions from trade unions that might help, I will alert her to this additional funding stream.

I am happy to discuss this further at any point and will likely reference it in my speech at our SNP Conference Fringe meeting next week.

Best Regards,



Mike Corbett
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