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Dear Parents

School funding petition

You have possibly seen previous information about the unfair funding schools in Cheshire East receive. Cheshire East remains one of the lowest funded authorities nationally and the current national fairer funding proposals do not address the significant variations in funding schools receive across the country. Schools in Cheshire East do an amazing job achieving excellent outcomes for Children and Young People but behind the scenes schools are struggling to balance the budget and pay for additional benefits that children in other local authorities receive.

Cheshire East Council together with the full school community is committed to campaigning for fairer funding. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Rachel Bailey, and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families, Cllr Jos Saunders, are committed to support any campaign but it is the voice of our schools and families that has the greatest impact.

Nationally, a School Funding Petition has been developed which all Cabinet Members, and Senior Officers in the Council have signed including the Chief Executive, Executive Director for People and the Director of Education.

We would like to ensure the results of the Campaign highlight the strength of feeling about school funding for Cheshire East Schools ensuring we are the area with the highest level of responses by a significant majority, if possible.

I would therefore encourage you, your family and friends to sign the petition. This does take less than one minute to complete. The only information you need is your postcode.

Please add your name by following this link:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

Kind regards

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