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Dear Parent,

I am writing on behalf of the Strategic Principals' Forum, which is a group of 547 primary schools from all across Northern Ireland. Together we represent over 129,000 children who deserve much better financial provision for their learning and development than our system currently provides.

Many of our nursery and primary schools are really struggling at the moment because of our government's failure to adequately fund them. If your child's school is one of these, let us be very clear … this is not the fault of your school! This is simply because they are just not given enough money to make the school work for your children. If your child's school is not yet in such a position it may be just around the corner. We believe that the current overall funding allocated to primary and nursery will continue to drag school after school into having to make significant cuts, no matter how an individual school's position might appear at the moment.

We believe that all of us, school leaders, governors and parents, have a moral obligation to speak out for the sake of our children. Please help us in the following ways:

- continue to support your school principals as they do their absolute best for your children in very difficult circumstances,
- continue to support your teachers who are working so hard to help your children thrive, and
- phone, write, email your MLAs and MPs demanding that the needs of our children are at the top of their agendas urgently.

Thank you, once again, for all of your support.

Yours faithfully,

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