GMB@SCHOOL EDUCATION CUTS



Research by GMB, and the other 5 main schools unions, suggests that schools across England are set to lose hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of funding, per pupil. In a major shake-up of the funding system, announced last December, the government is re-allocating resources away from inner-city schools and towards schools in rural areas.

Those areas that have traditionally benefitted from greater local authority support are the worst hit, as central government draws new funding powers to itself, at the expense of the English regions. Though as Conservative MP—and former chair of the Education Select Committee—Graham Stuart admits this will result in "political pain" there is no extra funding to make good the transition or to cover any shortfalls.



The Educational Services Grant, amounting to £600 million, is to be cut: schools and academies will have far less access to funds for school improvement.

Worse still the new funding formula is not calculated to keep up with inflation. This means real terms cuts of 8% by 2019-20 according to the National Audit Office.

GMB and the other teaching unions are warning of an average £339 loss per primary school pupil, and a £477 loss per secondary school pupil.

Cuts look certain to be worst in areas of social deprivation, with the Bermondsey and Old Southwark constituency looking at as much as a 15% cut per pupil.

"We are being told all the time there is no money for schools, yet if the government wants brand new academies or grammar schools they seem to be able to find millions to plough in to setting them up and paying huge salaries to CEOs."

Michelle, a School Business Manager from Derbyshire

GMB, the union for School Support Staff, is in no doubt that this further drive to centralise power and wield the axe for fresh cuts is grotesquely unfair and utterly unnecessary. It is driven by narrow ideology and a desire for political advantage, rather than by financial necessity or a commitment to improving educational Standards.

GMB is concerned that the knee jerk reaction will be threats to support staff jobs, and will be fighting tooth and nail to protect them. For a meeting in your school to discuss this issue contact GMB.



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