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Dear Llŷr,

At the Finance Committee's scrutiny session of the draft Budget 2020-21 on 18 December Alun Davies AM enquired as to how the additional £8m allocated for additional learning needs (ALN) in 2020-21 would be allocated. The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd has asked me to write to the Committee with this information.

We recognise that local authorities and further education institutions (FEIs) continue to face significant pressures in supporting young people with ALN. The additional £8m identified for ALN in 2020-21 is intended to help manage those pressures. It will help ensure that providers can continue to provide learners with complex needs with the high quality support they need and deserve, while implementing our ambitious programme of ALN reform. This additional funding will be separate from our ALN Transformation programme. The budget for the ALN Transformation programme remains unchanged at £20 million over this Assembly term.

The funding will be divided between local authorities and FEIs according to the proportion of learners with special educational needs (SEN) in each sector. The SEN Indicator Based Assessment (IBA) formula or a variant will then be used to determine allocations to individual local authorities. FEI allocations will be made via the FE Additional Learning Support grant. Monitoring will be consistent with reporting requirements for each sector.

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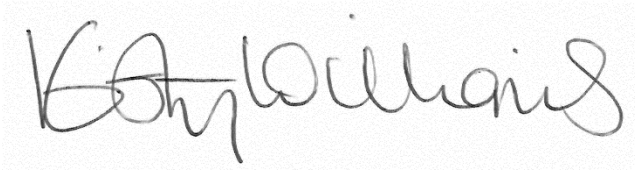
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will write to you again when the calculations and individual allocations have been finalised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', is centered on a light grey rectangular background.

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