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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Colleagues

As you are aware, Welsh Government believe that regional consortia and their constituent authorities have a significant role to play in improving educational outcomes for all learners in Wales and in delivering our substantial education reform.

The approach we have taken to fund educational activity relating to school improvement and looked after children at a regional level, is to ensure that you are well supported to deliver this national agenda.

I acknowledge that the regional approach to grant funding, together with the improved working relationships between consortia and with Welsh Government officials over the last two years, has meant that in partnership, we have made significant strides towards meeting our shared goals and aspirations for the education system in Wales.

However, Welsh Government are now allocating more funding to the 4 regions than ever before and I need to be assured that systems and processes at a regional level are consistent, transparent and robust. Moreover, that this significant allocation of national funding is impacting positively on the quality of provision, available opportunities and outcomes for every teacher, child and young person.

Commencing this month, I intend to undertake a review of the Education Improvement Grant for Schools (EIG) and the looked after children (LAC) element of the Pupil Development Grant (PDG). The review will comply with our monitoring and audit duties as set out in the relevant grant letters covering the Education Improvement Grant for Schools and the Pupil Development Grant.

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The overall aim will be to gather data, in a consistent format, from all 4 regional consortia to enable comparisons to be made and learning to be shared.

Your point of contact in Welsh Government will be Martyn Gray [Martyn.Gray@gov.wales](mailto:Martyn.Gray@gov.wales), tel 0300 061 6066. On receipt of this letter, you are asked to provide him with a named contact through which all correspondence can be directed. Martyn will be supported by an external consultant, Martin Donovan who has a wealth of experience in financial management at a senior level, in local authorities in both Wales and England.

Yours faithfully



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Annwyl cydweithwyr

Fel y gwyddoch, mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn credu bod gan gonsortia rhanbarthol a'u hawdurdodau cyfansoddol rôl bwysig i'w chwarae wrth wella canlyniadau addysgol ar gyfer pob dysgwr yng Nghymru ac wrth gyflawni ein diwygiad addysg sylweddol.

Y dull a gymerwyd gennym i ariannu gweithgarwch addysgol sy'n ymwneud â gwella ysgolion a phlant sy'n derbyn gofal ar lefel ranbarthol yw sicrhau eich bod yn cael cefnogaeth dda i gyflawni'r agenda cenedlaethol hwn.

Rwy'n cydnabod bod yr ymagwedd ranbarthol tuag at gyllid grant, ynghyd â'r gwell cydberthynas waith rhwng consortia a swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru dros y ddwy flynedd ddiwethaf, wedi golygu ein bod wedi, mewn partneriaeth, wneud camau sylweddol tuag at gwrdd â'n nodau a'n dyheadau a rennir ar gyfer y system addysg yng Nghymru.

Fodd bynnag, mae Llywodraeth Cymru bellach yn dyrannu mwy o arian i'r 4 rhanbarth nag erioed o'r blaen ac mae imi wybod bod y systemau a'r phrosesau sydd ar waith ar lefel ranbarthol yn gyson, yn dryloyw ac yn gadarn. Yn ogystal, rhaid cadarnhau bod y dyraniad sylweddol hwn o gyllid cenedlaethol yn effeithio'n gadarnhaol ar ansawdd y ddarpariaeth, gan wella'r cyfleoedd a'r canlyniadau i bob athro, plentyn a pherson ifanc.

Gan gychwyn y mis hwn, rwy'n bwriadu cynnal adolygiad o'r Grant Gwella Addysg ar gyfer Ysgolion (GGA) ac elfen y plant sy'n derbyn gofal (LAC) o'r Grant Datblygu Disgyblion (GDD). Bydd yr adolygiad yn cydymffurfio â'n dyletswyddau monitro ac archwilio fel a nodir yn y llythyrau grant perthnasol ynghylch y Grant Gwella Addysg ar gyfer Ysgolion a'r Grant Datblygu Disgyblion.

Y nod cyffredinol fydd casglu data, mewn fformat cyson, oddi wrth y 4 consortiwm rhanbarthol er mwyn cymharu data a rhannu gwersi.

Eich pwynt cyswllt yn Llywodraeth Cymru fydd Martyn Gray [Martyn.Gray@llyw.cymru](mailto:Martyn.Gray@llyw.cymru), rhif ffôn 0300 061 6066. Ar ôl cael y llythyr hwn, gofynnir i chi roi cyswllt penodol iddo y gellir cyfeirio pob gohebiaeth ato. Cefnogir Martyn gan ymgynghorydd allanol, Martin Donovan, sydd â chyfoeth o brofiad ym maes rheoli ariannol ar lefel uwch, mewn awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru a Lloegr.

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