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Dear (insert name of MP)

I am writing on behalf of (name of school/trust) governing board, and the communities we serve in (town/city/area) to raise our concerns about the crisis in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Our schools, parents, and communities all want the same thing, that the needs of all children are met effectively, with the right support, resources and expertise in place to help them thrive and reach their potential in readiness for adulthood.

Recent reports from the Public Accounts Committee, National Audit Office and Isos Partnership have all concluded that the SEND system is broken. There is insufficient funding to meet the need of pupils requiring support, and insufficient special State school places for those with the most complex needs. Too often, children do not receive the right support in the right environment quickly enough.

Schools, trusts and local authorities are overwhelmed by the rising number of pupils who are seeking additional support and the ever-increasing costs of providing assistance. Urgent action is required now to help solve the crisis in SEND, so the future of our children is not blighted by a system that is not fit for purpose.

Schools and trusts require funding, guidance, training and resources to ensure they are better equipped to meet the needs of all children in an inclusive environment, where early intervention is key to ensuring pupils are supported at the earliest opportunity.

We would also like to see greater clarity and support to help us provide an agreed level of SEND provision. Greater emphasis and accountability should also be placed on the Health and Care sectors as, all too often, the education sector is left to help children in the best way it can, due to a lack of input from support services. We simply don’t have what we need to do it all.

We should be provided with sufficient funding to ensure our schools can provide the right level of early intervention and SEND support, with adjustments made easily to our funding when the demand for SEND support changes. As funding currently stands, we are struggling to make ends meet, and when demand for our support increases, our funding remains the same due to a lag in the system.

The SEND system needs urgent reform now, along with increased targeted funding, training, resources and guidance. We hope you will join us in urging Government to take action.

You are very welcome to visit our (school/trust – delete as appropriate) to meet some of our pupils and teaching team who can explain more about why education should be a key focus of Government and why we should solve the crisis in SEND now. You can find out more about the crisis from [f40](https://www.f40.org.uk/campaign-activity/send-crisis/) or the [National Governance Association](https://www.nga.org.uk/topics/send/).

We hope to be able to meet with you soon.

Yours sincerely

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