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Mr George Osborne Chancellor of the Exchequer **HM Treasury** 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ

Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer,

## Funding for the education of 16-19 year olds

This joint letter urges you to consider the issue of the current low funding of 16-19 education with the Secretary of State for Education as part of your discussions with her before your July budget decisions and subsequent consideration for the next CSR period. This is not a new issue and we have raised it before with the current Secretary of State and her predecessor, Michael Gove, but the situation is now becoming acutely difficult.

We are urging you to address the growing and significant disparity in the funding for the education of 16-19 year olds in schools and colleges. For your information we have attached a copy of the letter submitted today to the Secretary of State for Education together with a paper describing the 16-19 funding dip and its consequences we previously submitted to the DfE.

Yours sincerely,

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