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Dear Kirsty,

CONDULTATION-PROPOSED HEALTHY EATING IN SCHOOLS MEASURE COMMITTEE

Thank you for your letter concerning the above.

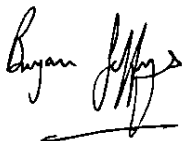
Quite clearly, the opportunity to enjoy a healthy and nutritious school meal has significant health, education and social benefits for pupils.

However, this Council has serious concerns about the measure proposed and the resultant bureaucratic burden being placed on local authorities and other agencies.

Given the limited public sector funding available in the medium term, it is our view that the costs of administration, regulations and bureaucracy involved in the proposed measure should be saved and the resources redirected to set a minimum [and Welsh Assembly Government funded] value for school meals in Wales.

This, together with promotion of expected standards to parents, will be more likely to deliver the successful outcome we seek.

Yours sincerely,



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