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DAVID TORRANCE MSP WELCOMES ALMOST £10MILLION BOOST FOR SCHOOLS

Schools across Fife will benefit from a £9,787,200 funding boost as part of the Scottish Government's drive to improve standards in schools, it has been revealed.

The share each school is due to receive from the Scottish Government's new £120 million Pupil Equity Fund has been revealed by Deputy First Minister John Swinney.

133 primary schools and 18 secondary schools across Fife are set to receive additional support worth thousands of pounds. It will be up to teachers and school leaders to decide the best way of using the funding to close the poverty related attainment gap in their schools.

Welcoming the announcement, MSP for the Kirkcaldy Constituency David Torrance said: "Every child in Scotland should have the best possible start in life, and it is unacceptable for children from the poorest backgrounds to have their chances limited by circumstances outside their control.

"The SNP in government has made closing the poverty-related attainment gap our number one priority, and our new £120 million Pupil Equity Fund is aimed at doing just that – supporting 133 primaries and 18 secondaries in Fife.

The funding boost includes substantial funding boosts in the Kirkcaldy Constituency, including £212,400 for Fair Isle Primary, £180,000 for the Valley Primary School, and £130,800 for Burntisland Primary School, amongst many others across the region.

David added: "This new announcement will let parents, teachers and school leaders in Fife see how much funding they can expect to drive up standards and tackle the inter-generational cycle of deprivation in their school."

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

Allocations are based on the number of pupil from P1 to S3 known to be eligible for free school meals, with schools receiving around £1,200 per pupil.

Local authority	Primaries*	Secondaries*	Special schools	Eligible pupils	Funding
Aberdeen City	47	12	4	2,288	2,745,600
Aberdeenshire	135	17	4	2,141	2,569,200
Angus	49	8	0	1,761	2,113,200
Argyll & Bute	67	10	1	1,087	1,304,400
Clackmannanshire	18	3	1	1,274	1,528,800
Dumfries & Galloway	92	16	1	2,401	2,881,200
Dundee City	35	8	2	4,145	4,974,000
East Ayrshire	43	9	6	2,784	3,340,800
East Dunbartonshire	35	8	3	1,304	1,564,800
East Lothian	34	6	0	1,308	1,569,600
East Renfrewshire	21	7	1	1,142	1,370,400
Edinburgh City	88	23	11	6,227	7,472,400
Eilean Siar	21	4	0	229	274,800
Falkirk	50	8	3	2,949	3,538,800
Fife	133	18	5	8,156	9,787,200
Glasgow City	139	30	24	18,002	21,602,400
Highland	151	29	3	3,270	3,924,000
Inverclyde	20	6	1	2,042	2,450,400
Midlothian	32	6	1	1,894	2,272,800
Moray	43	8	0	1,059	1,270,800
North Ayrshire	49	9	4	3,660	4,392,000
North Lanarkshire	120	23	13	7,393	8,871,600
Orkney Islands	15	4	0	172	206,400
Perth & Kinross	65	10	1	1,340	1,608,000
Renfrewshire	49	11	2	3,540	4,248,000
Scottish Borders	59	9	0	1,534	1,840,800
Shetland Islands	17	7	0	157	188,400
South Ayrshire	39	8	2	2,019	2,422,800
South Lanarkshire	124	17	6	6,556	7,867,200
Stirling	38	7	1	1,187	1,424,400
West Dunbartonshire	33	5	3	2,817	3,380,400
West Lothian	66	11	4	4,210	5,052,000
Sum of local authorities	1927	357	107	100,048	120,057,600
Grant Maintained	1	1	5	79	94,800
Total	1928	358	112	100,127	120,152,400

*Please note that the number of primary and secondary schools cannot be summed together as they include all-through schools.

The £120 million Pupil Equity Fund was announced in the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18:

<http://news.gov.scot/news/a-budget-for-scotlands-future-1>

A suite of information about the most successful approaches and interventions, based on practice examples from around Scotland and the best available international evidence, is being developed:

<http://news.gov.scot/news/new-attainment-tools-for-teachers>

Allocations are based on the number of pupils from P1 to S3 known to be eligible for free school meals, with schools receiving around £1,200 per pupil. Local authority breakdowns are as follows and the full list of individual school allocations can be found here:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/Raisingeducationalattainment/pupilequityfund/Schoolallocations>

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