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**Dyddiad / Date: 11 March 2024**

Dear Minister

I am writing to formally put on record the concerns of our Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 which met on 4 December 2023 to consider Universal Primary Free School Meals and Catering Services.

During discussions, the Committee expressed concern over school meal portion sizes provided for primary school pupils in that these are the same for those in nursery provision to those in year 6. It was agreed that portion sizes for this age range would likely differ significantly and either cause an issue of food waste from younger children due to the portion size being too big (as well as unnecessary associated costs), or the potential opposite in portion sizes not being big enough for the older children and them remaining hungry.

The Committee were advised that Welsh Government were reviewing healthy eating in schools, however, it was unknown whether the review would include consideration of portion sizes, which was set, under the direction of WG, by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

I have been asked as Chair of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 to request that portion sizes be incorporated into the review and that this be based on clear evidence gathered from schools and pupils, the latter to ensure the voice of the child is heard. I am also writing to the WLGA.

The Committee requests that due consideration be given to the above and look forward to your response.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexander Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Y Cyng / Councillor Alex Williams

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