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Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Addysg a
Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid/ Chair of the Education
and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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Dyddiad / Date: 14 January 2026

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I am writing to formally put on record the concerns of our Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee which met on 15 September 2025 to consider a report, Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Learners.

During discussions, the Committee heard from Officers and Headteachers regarding the impact of any removal of grant funding for mental health support for pupils in schools, with the latter emphasising that any removal would potentially be 'catastrophic'. Members expressed their support for the growth bid to ensure sustainable funding for mental health support services in schools.

In the same meeting, the Committee heard from Officers that in many cases pupils who moved schools often did so prior to any information regarding the pupil being shared between the schools, potentially affecting or delaying any necessary support these pupils might require to be put in place immediately. Officers reported that schools were bound by Welsh Government policy to accept a transfer immediately. The Committee therefore recommended that a request be made to Welsh Government to consider revising this policy, in order for schools to share information prior to a pupil moving to another school, so that any necessary support pupils might need can be planned for and put in place with no delay.

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

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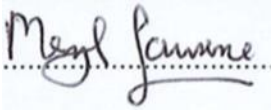
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We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Megh James" in a cursive script. A horizontal dotted line is drawn across the signature.

Uwch Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd – Craffu / Senior Democratic Services Officer -
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Ar ran Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Addysg a Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid / On
behalf of Chair of Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee