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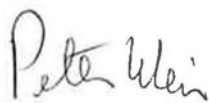
**Justin McNulty MLA has asked:**

To ask the Minister of Education how much has been allocated per school to help with the implementation of new special educational needs legislation.

**ANSWER**

I provided £7.5m of additional funding to support over 1,100 schools in making the necessary preparations for implementation of the new Special Educational Needs (SEN) Framework. I have arranged for a breakdown of allocations by school to be placed in the Assembly Library.

This additional support was allocated directly to schools in December 2020 with a view to covering the period January to March 2021, and is specifically focussed on preparing for the statutory requirements to have a designated Learning Support Coordinator (LSC - currently the SENCo) on staff. A recurring annual pressure of £30m to continue this support beyond March 2021 is anticipated.



Peter Weir MLA