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Dear Colleagues

### **Request to disapply the Finance Regulations**

Thank you for your disapplication request to move 0.5% from your schools block to your high needs block.

After consideration of your application and supporting evidence the Minister is sympathetic to your position and to the approach that you have proposed. However, following the additional high needs funding announcement, the Minister has an expectation that most local authorities will reduce or withdraw the original requested amount. You will be aware that we have requested confirmation regarding the amount of your block movement disapplication by 15<sup>th</sup> January and only after consideration of your response will a final decision be made.

We expect that you will meet the authority proforma tool (APT) deadline of the 21<sup>st</sup> January. We appreciate that we will not have made a final decision at that point, but most of the checks we do are unrelated to the total amount of funding in the formula and it will save time to continue with these. You are able to make your own assumptions up to the 0.5% that you originally requested; however if you are planning on amending your request to a lower amount, this should be reflected on your APT submission.

A SEN advisor will be in contact to discuss your high needs strategy and offer help with the longer term planning process.

If you require further information or clarification on this decision, please contact us at [LA.Disapplication@education.gov.uk](mailto:LA.Disapplication@education.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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