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Dear David

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Thank you very much for your letter of 19 July, addressed to the Secretary of State, about college funding and teachers pay. I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

As you may know, the government does not set the pay for teachers in colleges. That is for college employers and unions to discuss as part of the normal pay processes. However, the government does set the levels of funding for further education (FE).

We are taking a wider look at the FE sector to make sure that it delivers the quality education we all want to see. There are many complex factors at play around the recruitment and retention of teachers. We are working with providers to better understand how we can help them to attract and retain excellent teachers and leaders, to deliver the best possible outcomes for learners.

Schools and colleges have different workforces and requirements, and the way pay is determined in those sectors is quite separate. We want to make sure that there is an effective funding system for FE which can support sustainable, high quality education. We are considering this as part of the upcoming Spending Review, scheduled to take place in 2019.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

*Best
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