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**To:**

**Directors of Children's Services of Local Authorities in England  
Chief Executives of Primary Care Trusts in England  
Directors of Children and Learning in Government Offices in England  
Regional Directors of Public Health in England**

Dear Colleague,

**Standards Fund Grant 117 for Education/Health Partnerships (Healthy Schools)  
2007-08**

I am writing to let you know that we have now gained financial approval for the Standards Fund for Healthy Schools in 2007-08, and I attach a spreadsheet that gives details of the amount of grant for all local programmes in England.

**Funding Detail – 2007-08**

The total amount to be made available to local programmes will be £13.2m – an increase of £900k over 2006-07. All programmes (except City of London) will receive at least the same amount as in 2006-07. Funding through the Standards Fund will follow the usual arrangements for staged payments. Local programmes have the option of including their funding in their Local Area Agreement (LAA). Where this is the case, the funding will no longer be paid through the Standards Fund, but via LAA Grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Please note that the 17 month spending period for the Standards Fund will not apply to funding that is part of the LAA. LAA grant has to be spent within the financial year, although there is a 5% carry forward facility. Further guidance on LAAs is available at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk). Because of this variation in spending rules, your Healthy Schools Coordinator should be made aware of any decision to use the LAA route.

A new formula for allocation has been used this year. The amount has been calculated based on a flat rate of £20,000 plus: a) an amount based on number of schools in the local programme area; b) an additional amount for schools with 20-49% Free School Meals Entitlement (FSME); and c) a further amount for schools with 50% or more FSME. We have added in Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) to the number of schools on which calculations are based.

## Healthy Schools Standard Fund – a partnership funding programme

You will be aware that the resources for this Standards Fund come from both the Department for Education and Skills and the Department of Health. This national partnership is also reflected at regional government level. Thus the spending of this Fund *has* to be decided in partnership by the local authority with the local Primary Care Trust(s).

### Local Healthy Schools Headline Plan

This Standards Fund should enable local healthy schools programmes to complete their local healthy schools Headline Plans, which should be signed off by both Directors of Public Health and Directors of Children's Services, and then returned to the national team by 31 May 2007. The Plan should set out the milestones to achieve the targets of all schools engaged with the Programme and at least 75% having healthy school status by December 2009. The national milestones are as follows:

	Schools Participating in Programme	Schools with new Healthy School Status
December 2007	90%	55%
December 2008	95%	65%
December 2009	100%	75%

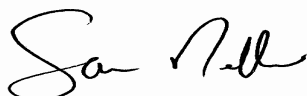
This year PRUs should be added to the Plan and we will be asking local programmes to highlight the progress of schools with 50% or more FSME.

### Funding After 2007-2008

No firm decision has yet been taken on the level of funding for Healthy Schools after 2007-2008. However, it is likely that 2007-08 funding levels will be the highest point and, thereafter, local programmes should expect a reduction as the Programme moves towards meeting its targets and embedding itself into mainstream school and local authority business. We will provide more details as soon as funding decisions are made.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries about the content of this letter at [Sam.Mellor@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Sam.Mellor@dh.gsi.gov.uk) or on 020 7972 4340.

Yours sincerely



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