

P-04-581 Opposition to cuts in provision for learners of English as an Additional Language

Petition Wording:

We, the undersigned, call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to reconsider its cuts to pupils acquiring English as an Additional Language (EAL) in schools. Additional funding is required to prevent the marginalisation of pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds in schools through specialist support which aims to raise educational standards and ensure equality of opportunity for all.

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Additional Information:

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Petition raised by: Helen Myers

Date Petition first considered by Committee: 23 September 2014

Number of signatures: 37