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Dear Parent / Carer

Moray Council Budget Consultation

As a parent and the Chair of the Parent Council, I am writing to you to make you aware of the possible implications of the Moray Council budget cuts for Elgin High School and to invite you to respond to a consultation on them.

Moray Council is suggesting a 50% reduction to its provision for School Libraries in their 2018 Budget proposals. I understand that the Council is proposing to reduce the number of School Librarian posts from 8 to 4. These four School Librarians should be shared ‘proportionately’ across the 8 secondary schools. As a result, School Library services would run part-time in every Secondary School in Moray, with all the accompanying impacts on attainment in literacy, in acquiring 21 Century information and digital literacy skills – and in the provision of pastoral care.

Moray Council are also proposing to:

- Reduce the number of school technicians across secondary schools, with the post of Supervisory Technician being removed. This would have an impact on the delivery of whole school events along with the services provided in practical subjects such as Science, Technical, ICT and Food Technology.
- A reduction in the number of Home School Link Workers in the authority. This would have an impact on the support given to more vulnerable and challenging students.
- Various cuts to the Integrated Children’s Services budget.

Moray Council have gone out to public consultation on its budget proposals and invite you to express your views on this. The consultation can be found at the following web link:
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_116484.html

The consultation is open until 14 January 2018. If you want to prevent these proposals taking place, the Parent Council strongly encourage you to make your views, or those of your children, known before then.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Leonard
Chair of the Parent Council