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From Comprehensive Future

Margaret Tulloch Comprehensive Future Secretary said -

We welcome David Willetts public statement that selection at 11 is not the route to increased social mobility.

We have cross party consensus on this issue. So it is very wrong to allow the situation to remain that across the country thousands of children in England are given a message of failure at 11 because of selective schools. Ending selection would raise aspirations and encourage young people to stay on in education. We have proposed that Government should require plans be drawn up to end selection at 11 in the many areas in England where it remains. Money should be made available to fund the changes. Parents could be given the right to petition and ballot against the change if they so wish, instead of the current situation where parents have to ballot to end selection.

End

Notes

Comprehensive Future is the campaign for fair school admission policies in England. The campaign is non party political and open to all. By lobbying Government, providing evidence, informing the media and supporting local campaigns on admissions we aim to bring about a comprehensive secondary school system in England with fair admissions criteria to all publicly funded schools, guaranteeing an equal chance to all children and an end to selection by ability and aptitude.

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