

WENDY CALLS FOR BUDGET TO REVERSE EDUCATION CUTS

On Wednesday the Scottish Parliament voted an extra £6m in grant to Renfrewshire. When the Council sets its budget today it should restore the education cuts it began last year. Unless the SNP in Renfrewshire have a change of heart a further £6.4 million will be cut from Renfrewshire's education budgets from April.

Some of the worst cuts include:

- £1.8m cut from Renfrewshire secondary school budgets
- £1.2m cut from primary school budgets and removing better staffing in primary schools
- £660,000 removed from "better behaviour" budgets
- £440,000 from budgets to support achievements in Renfrewshire schools

Wendy said

"I am appalled at the impact of these planned cuts. I have obtained figures on what it will mean for each and every school in Renfrewshire".

(See table below for total cuts and school by school cuts)

The big three losing secondaries:

- Park Mains cut £229,000
- Gleniffer High cut £214,000
- Paisley Grammar cut £186,000

The big three losing Primaries:

- West Primary cut £23,600
- Houston cut £20,400
- St James(Renfrew) cut £19,300

Wendy Alexander said

“The SNP government claims it is providing record funds for local councils. John Swinney says this “substantial increase in funding will allow councils to sustain the essential services that they provide to communities”. Last week the education secretary Fiona Hyslop told the Parliament, “Sufficient funding has been provided to local government to maintain teacher numbers at 2007 levels”

Wendy said

“Renfrewshire may not have got a good deal from the SNP government but with £6 million extra next year its first priority should be reversing the planned education cuts.

119 fewer teachers’ posts mean a poorer quality education for today’s children.

Unless these cuts are reversed – by the summer South School will close, all nursery schools will be downgraded, nursery teachers post halved and the 119 teaching posts lost in schools. Each and every school will see their budget cut.

Recently (28th January) the council leader, Derek Mackay, told the Paisley Daily Express “*the Scottish Government have provided the resources to ensure that a council tax freeze will have no adverse impact on frontline services*”.

If he believes there will be no cut in service why is he proposing to go ahead with £6million cuts in education”.

School by School		
<u>Devolved School Budget Savings</u>		
<i>(Savings to be made by Head Teachers over & above central Education budget savings)</i>		
	2008/09	2009/10
	£	£
SECONDARY SCHOOLS		
Castlehead	79,853	141,998
Gleniffer	120,334	213,855
Gryffe	84,773	150,831
Johnstone	100,854	179,325
Linwood	43,531	77,526
Paisley Grammar	104,684	186,136
Park Mains	128,854	229,026
Renfrew	74,933	133,366
St Andrews	104,684	186,136
St Benedict’s	64,862	115,426
Trinity	97,683	173,660
TOTAL	1,005,045	1,787,285
PRIMARY SCHOOLS		
Arkleston	9,800	16,200
Auchenlodment	6,500	10,800
Bargarran	6,600	10,900
Barsail	8,600	14,300
Bishopton	9,700	16,100
Brediland	9,500	15,800

<i>Bridge of Weir</i>	10,500	17,400
<i>Bushes</i>	9,800	16,200
<i>Cochrane Castle</i>	3,400	5,700
<i>Woodlands</i>	6,000	10,000
<i>East Fulton</i>	8,300	13,800
<i>Fordbank</i>	5,400	9,000
<i>Heriot</i>	6,900	11,500
<i>Gallowhill</i>	5,800	9,600
<i>Glencoats</i>	6,800	11,300
<i>Houston</i>	12,300	20,400
<i>Howwood</i>	4,200	7,000
<i>Inchinnan</i>	4,200	7,000
<i>Kilbarchan</i>	6,600	11,000
<i>Kirklandneuk</i>	7,000	11,600
<i>Langbank</i>	2,100	3,500
<i>Langcraigs</i>	7,700	12,800
<i>Lochfield</i>	8,800	14,600
<i>Lochwinnoch</i>	7,500	12,400
<i>Moorpark</i>	3,700	6,200
<i>Mossvale</i>	3,900	6,500
<i>Newmains</i>	9,700	16,100
<i>Rashielea</i>	11,500	19,100
<i>South</i>	3,100	5,100
<i>Ralston</i>	10,600	17,600
<i>Our Lady of Peace</i>	6,800	11,300
<i>St Anne's</i>	5,700	9,500
<i>St Anthony's</i>	4,800	8,000
<i>St Catherine's</i>	5,200	8,600
<i>St Charles</i>	10,700	17,800
<i>St Fergus</i>	3,700	6,100
<i>St Fillian's</i>	5,000	8,300
<i>St James</i>	2,700	4,500
<i>St James</i>	11,600	19,300
<i>St John Bosco</i>	3,900	6,500
<i>St John Ogilvie</i>	5,300	8,800
<i>St Margaret's</i>	5,700	9,500
<i>St Mary's</i>	7,400	12,300
<i>St Paul's</i>	4,200	7,000
<i>St Peter's</i>	6,900	11,400
<i>Thorn</i>	7,400	12,300
<i>Todholm</i>	5,600	9,300
<i>Wallace</i>	10,700	17,700
<i>West</i>	14,200	23,600
<i>Williamsburgh</i>	10,800	17,900
TOTAL	358,000	594,500
SPECIAL SCHOOLS		
<i>Clippens</i>	31,177	51,020
<i>Kersland</i>	27,693	44,680
<i>Mary Russell</i>	50,820	83,500
TOTAL	109,690	179,200

Fewer Teachers

Renfrewshire has cut 119 teachers (full time equivalents) since last year. 42 in primary schools (5% cut) and 77 in secondary schools (8% cut – the biggest % cut in Scotland) For school by school breakdown – see table below.

**Renfrewshire Council: Education & Leisure Service:
Teacher Posts –(Full Time Equivalent)
TOP 3 SECONDARY SCHOOL LOSERS**

	2007	2008	+/-
<i>Gleniffer</i>	111.4	94.0	-17.4
<i>Park Mains</i>	111.6	100.0	-11.6
<i>Trinity</i>	86.3	75.6	-10.7

**Renfrewshire Council: Education & Leisure Service:
Teacher Posts –(Full Time Equivalent)
TOP 5 PRIMARY SCHOOL LOSERS**

	2007	2008	+/-
<i>Bridge of Weir</i>	21.5	17.1	-4.4
<i>Heriot</i>	17.0	14.0	-3.0
<i>Kilbarchan</i>	15.0	12.0	-3.0
<i>Mossvale</i>	11.2	8.0	-3.2
<i>Ralston</i>	22.9	19.5	-3.4

**Renfrewshire Council: Education & Leisure Service:
Teacher Posts –(Full Time Equivalent)
FULL RENFREWSHIRE SCHOOL BY SCHOOL
SECONDARY AND PRIMARY**

	2007	2008	+/-
SECONDARY SCHOOLS			
<i>Castlehead</i>	73.8	68.3	-5.5
<i>Gleniffer</i>	111.4	94.0	-17.4
<i>Gryffe</i>	74.7	67.5	-7.2
<i>Johnstone</i>	91.8	84.8	-7.0
<i>Linwood</i>	44.2	41.9	-2.3
<i>Paisley Grammar</i>	99.9	91.2	-8.7
<i>Park Mains</i>	111.6	100.0	-11.6
<i>Renfrew</i>	73	65.3	-7.7
<i>St Andrews</i>	94.5	91.2	-3.3
<i>St Benedict's</i>	66.1	70.2	+4.1
<i>Trinity</i>	86.3	75.6	-10.7
TOTAL: RENFREWSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS	927.3	850.0	-77.3
PRIMARY SCHOOLS			
	2007	2008	+/-
<i>Arkleston</i>	20.6	18.6	-2.0
<i>Auchenlodment</i>	15.4	14.4	-1.0
<i>Bargarran</i>	14.6	13.6	-1.0
<i>Barsail</i>	16.2	16.8	0.6
<i>Bishopston</i>	18.7	18.0	-0.7
<i>Brediland</i>	23.1	23.6	0.5
<i>Bridge of Weir</i>	21.5	17.1	-4.4
<i>Bushes</i>	21.7	20.7	-1.0
<i>Cochrane Castle</i>	7.6	7.6	0.0

East Fulton	20.0	17.6	-2.4
Fordbank	12.4	12.4	0.0
Gallowhill	11.9	11.3	-0.6
Glencoats	16.7	15.1	-1.6
Heriot	17.0	14.0	-3.0
Houston	19.5	19.6	0.1
Howwood	8.4	7.8	-0.6
Inchinnan	10.0	10.6	0.6
Kilbarchan	15.0	12.0	-3.0
Kirklandneuk	15.1	14.8	-0.3
Langbank	6.4	6.4	0.0
Langcraigs	15.8	16.0	0.2
Lochfield	16.0	16.0	0.0
Lochwinnoch	13.7	14.7	1.0
Moorpark	9.3	9.8	0.5
Mossvale	11.2	8.0	-3.2
Newmains	19.5	19.3	-0.2
Our Lady of Peace	15.0	13.7	-1.3
Ralston	22.9	19.5	-3.4
Rashielea	21.6	19.6	-2.0
South	8.8	8.3	-0.5
St Anne's	12.8	11.0	-1.8
St Anthony's	20.3	20.0	-0.3
St Catherine's	13.4	12.1	-1.3
St Charles	21.6	20.0	-1.6
St David's	7.0	6.0	-1.0
St Fergus	14.2	12.6	-1.6
St Fillan's	9.0	8.8	-0.2
St James (Paisley)	7.6	7.2	-0.4
St James (Renfrew)	22.6	23.3	0.7
St John Bosco	9.6	9.6	0.0
St John Ogilvie	10.7	10.3	-0.4
St Margaret's	13.4	10.8	-2.6
St Mary's	14.0	16.0	2.0
St Pauls	14.8	15.7	0.9
St Peter's	13.8	11.4	-2.4
Thorn Primary	14.1	15.7	1.6
Todholm	14.7	14.9	0.2
Wallace	18.6	18.6	0.0
West Primary	30.2	27.6	-2.6
Williamsburgh	21.8	19.5	-2.3
Woodlands	14.2	14.1	-0.1
TOTAL RENFREWSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS	783.9	742.1	-41.8
TOTAL RENFREWSHIRE BOTH SECONDARY + PRIMARY	1711.2	1592.1	119.1