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It has now been a year since my appointment as a minister and one of the first initiatives I put in place was the use of SRMAs to provide Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning support at school level.

You have led the charge in this vitally important area. It is through the work that you and your small band of colleagues that we have been able to carry out 75 deployments in 72 trusts and 3 local authorities and identify over £36 million in potential savings. This works out at a substantial amount per school (particularly when you consider that this includes a proportion of primary schools).

Thank you.

I am trying to meet as many of you as I can over the next few months, but if in the meantime you have any useful observations from the work that you have done I would be very interested to hear from you. I believe that in the group that you represent we have an emerging pool of rapidly expanding expertise and I would be interested to hear your thoughts on how we can propagate this through the school system.

I would also encourage you to keep in touch with one another as I am certain your shared experiences will build your individual capabilities. I have asked officials to convene some roundtables to enable this. But on a more informal basis if you want to organise something between yourselves we will offer support through meeting room space in any of our DfE offices in England as logistics allow. Please contact the ESFA SRMA team at [ESFA.SRMA@education.gov.uk](mailto:ESFA.SRMA@education.gov.uk) if you think this might be useful.

As you may know I am in this job predominantly to try to ensure we improve educational outcomes for our children. Ensuring that the financial resources allocated to schools are properly used is one of the most impactful actions we can achieve from Whitehall

I look forward to hearing from you if you would like to contribute to our ongoing actions in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore Agnew'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

THEODORE AGNEW