Dear International Development Committee,

What does education mean to you? Where would you be without it? What opportunities has it given you? Everyone deserves the right you have had. However, there are currently 263 million children out of school worldwide, and 25 million of these children have never started primary school.

We want to get these children into school and give them a stable, quality education. Education is a right, not a privilege. Without education, these children are stuck in poverty with no way to get themselves or their community out of it. World leaders have promised that every child will have a quality education by 2030, yet we are way behind on this target. If we don’t boost the funding, we will only reach this goal by 2084, 50 years too late. That is a whole generation too late.

But there is a solution. To close the 3.7 trillion dollar gap in funding. That’s why we want you to, in your inquiry, address this issue, and to work with the government to increase the money spent on this important global issue.

We hope for your support on this campaign, which is so important to us.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Range, and Ellen Withington

Send My Friend to School campaign champions (from King Edward VII School)
Dear Sir/Hadam,

263 million. That’s how many children around the world are currently missing out on an education. (considered the sustainable development goals of 2015, the fourth being that by 2030 all children will have an education, governments have an obligation. But following current projections, it is estimated that this will only happen by 2084. And this is the earliest that it can. 50 years too late, leaving out a whole generation.

This is a problem. Quite clearly, a huge problem that affects people around the world. So as a huge group that plays we feel that the UK could do more. Some causes of this, you are poverty. 30% of children in the lowest income families are in the smallest. Although some countries have never been to school, the language barrier, some issues children in Haiti have their entire education system in a foreign language, they do not understand. Teachers and not a native so many children do not understand, teaching. If they do go to school, children are not receiving a quality education. And the transport, many schools are in towns not villages, so some children have to take a dangerous route to get to school and some even drop out because of it.

We have a solution, but we don’t have the power to enforce this. The UK currently pays £300 million to the foreign education. This is an amazing amount, but it isn’t enough. We are as a world following the sustainable development goals falling short of $39 billion a year. So we propose increasing the amount we pay to £500 million a year as that could help close the gap and make it more possible to have education for all by 2030.

We hope you give your support and understand how deeply we care about this problem being matched with its solution.

Yours Faithfully,

Aminah and Sophie
Dear Sir/Madam,

How many children don’t go to school worldwide? 263 million. 263 million not getting a simple education; not getting a chance to achieve. 263 million without a route out of poverty. 263 million who don’t have the knowledge and understanding to stop conflict in their countries. 263 million who don’t know how to contribute to a healthy planet. And 263 million who won’t grow up to contribute to their country’s economy. The problem is that not enough funding is being fed into their education. This can be slowed down by investing into the children of the future; we give, they give back. Simply increase the paltry £300 million to £500 million to assist the making of a prosperous and stronger economy.

In doing so, the country builds in trade, medicine and business; benefitting us and countries around the world. Raise the money, educate the children, develop the world.

Yours Sincerely,
Campaign Champions from Send My Friends To School (Ella & Ella)
Dear Sir or Madam,

Are you aware that 263 million children are not in school every year? Poverty and a lack of public support are the main causes impending on this world-wide crisis.

You can help solve this issue by ensuring the United Kingdom continues to be a positive role model and increases the amount of financial support. Are you prepared to support this crisis?

As Campaign Champions with "Send my friend to school", we are really keen to hear your views.

Signed

TREVE Whitte

James Heavner
Dear Sir/Madame,

There are 263 million children not in education at the moment and it should be 0. Global education is a massive problem and its affecting the whole world. Education is a basic human right and every child needs a quality education to survive adulthood. The UN made a promise in 2015 that every child in the world will get an education by 2030, however at the rate its going now, that's predicted to happen in 2084 (over 50 years late). The missing piece of the puzzle is finance. There is a $39 billion gap which needs to be closed for in order for every child in the world to get an education.

This problem can be solved but it's up to you to make it happen. Right now our government is giving £300 million towards global education and we want it to increase to £500 million. The money is there, it's just what the money is used for.

We want you to pledge £500 million to the international development secretariat. 2017 is the year and together we can make a difference.

Yours Sincerely,

Megan Kauser and Holly Griffiths. Send My Friend to School Campaign Champions
Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you today to inform you that 263 million children are currently out of school globally. And even though those who do attend school, aren’t getting the quality education they need to succeed in life. This is a serious problem that the UK can act on. Education is essential in a child’s life and is the building block for their future. The UK, amongst other countries, made a promise that by 2030, every child would attend school around the world, however we are 50 years behind the target that was set and we have a $39 billion gap from where we should be if the promise was to be achieved. As a child, I’m sure you received a quality education because you wouldn’t be where you are now if this wasn’t the case. Do you not believe this should be the case for every child? That every child deserves to have the right to an education? When I was younger, I did not attend school until the age of seven and a half when I moved to the UK, so I know what it feels like to not receive a fundamental part of childhood, the chance to go to school and learn. If I didn’t receive the education I am currently getting, I wouldn’t be here speaking out on behalf of the children around the globe who we would like you to do is to stress the importance of this issue.

Furthermore, we’d like you to keep expressing your support on giving foreign aid to education. I hope you understand our sentiments and thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

Luu Abubakar and Lucy Holloway

Send my Friend Campaign Champions
Sir John Lawes School
Dear Sir/Madam,

We believe children deserve the right to an education, however currently 263 million children are missing from school globally.

Why? Because the amount of money needed for global education is suffering a significant gap.

World leaders have promised by 2030 that all children will be in education, but at the rate we are going, this will not happen until 2084. In those 50 years these children will become too old to benefit from this education. These children are our future and can influence the world for the better in years to come.

We are failing these children due to the 'missing' piece of the puzzle - finance for education. 2017 is a big year, the Global Partnership for Education need the UK government to put their hands deep in their pockets and find every penny to support global education.

It is paramount that the UK government improve on the £300 million pledged last time.

The generous contribution you are going to make
will significantly improve the lives of those 263 million children.

We hope you can make a change this year.

Levi and Rita
Send my friend to School Campaign
Champions 2017
Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you today to make you aware of the 263 million children not getting an education or the opportunity to learn effectively and why we’re campaigning to change this.

In 2015, the government agreed on a set of Sustainable Goals Development Goals, one of which was for all children worldwide to have a quality education by 2030. However, on current projections, this will not happen until 2084, which is 54 years too late.

To eradicate this problem, we need the International Development Committee (IDC) to ensure that the money spent on education overseas increases to 500 million to help fill the financial gap in education. This will assist in increasing the current 7.35% of the 0.7% foreign aid which was promised in 2015.

Therefore, we are appealing to you to call on the Department for International Development to increase their investment in education, including an ambitious pledge to the Global Partnership for Education.

We look forward to meeting you in June,

Yours Sincerely,
Sophia and Eva

(Send My Friend to School campaign champions)
Dear International Development Committee,

There are currently 263 million children around the world not in education, of whom 25 million have never even started primary school. If we (the international community) continue to act and help as we are, this will not be resolved until 2054; by then we will be 82, and the world will not have met the sustainable development goals by 50 years.

To prevent leaving generations of children behind, the aid currently given to fund education must increase six-fold to plug the $37 billion funding gap. This $37 billion is the 'missing puzzle piece' in ensuring every child, regardless of their nationality, wealth, and social position, can achieve their potential.

We need you to strongly recommend to the government and Priti Patel, that the UK's contribution to global education increases from its current 0.35% share of the aid budget. This will enable every child to access the quality education they deserve, and allows them to be the future of their country.

We are grateful for your anticipated support, and look forward to learning how you will act.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy and Ben (Send my Friend to School campaign champions)

from St. Philip Howard Catholic School.