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Submitted to **Identifying schools for improvement support**

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**Introduction - background information**

**1 What is your name?**

**Name:**

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**2 What is your email address?**

**Email:**

**3 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation?**

**Name of organisation:**

AAIA (Association for Achievement and Improvement through Assessment)

**4 What type of organisation is it?**

**Please select::**

Other (please give details)

**If 'other' please give details::**

Association for all those who wish to promote achievement through best practice in assessment in education

**5 What is your role, or in what capacity are you responding?**

**Please select::**

Official/employee

## **Consultation Questions**

**We welcome views on how we propose to identify schools that will be offered educational support. In particular, we invite views on:**

**6) The Government has committed to introducing a single transparent method to identify schools eligible for improvement support, as set out in paragraph 11. Do you support the proposal to use Ofsted Requires Improvement judgements to identify schools eligible for these DfE offers of support?**

**Yes**  No  Don't know

**Comments:** It will provide clarity. It will also be more equitable and inclusive than using coasting and floor standards as it covers all types of schools, which floor and coasting standards do not. It does of course rely heavily on the accuracy and consistency of inspection teams' judgements in relation to schools' widely ranging and differing contextual backgrounds.

**7) Do you agree we should remove coasting and floor data standards?**

**Agree**  Disagree  Neutral  Don't know

**Comments:** Yes, especially if the Ofsted framework is revised in line with the current consultation. This will provide a broader basis for judgements than focusing on one set of data. There might be many reasons why one year's data is low, especially in small schools.

**8) Do you see any disadvantages to removing coasting and floor data standards?**

Yes (please explain)  **No**  Don't know

**Comments :**

**9) Do you think that the changes outlined in paragraphs 9, 11, 26 and 30 will give schools greater clarity on which are eligible for improvement support?**

**x Yes**  No  Don't know

**Comments:** It is, however, important that support will be optional for schools with Requiring Improvement judgements, as each school's circumstances will be different – especially if the Ofsted judgement was some time ago. It is also unclear how schools which are good/ outstanding can access support if they choose (para. 30) in the current economic climate. Will they be expected to pay for this?

### **Confidentiality**

**10 Would you like us to keep your responses confidential?**

No