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**Peter Weir MLA:**

To ask the Minister of Education to detail the current number of Governor vacancies in each post-primary school.

**ANSWER**

My Department did not hold the information requested. Much of it has been provided by the Education & Library Boards and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools since the schools reopened in September 2012. The information is now available and is being placed in the Assembly Library.

Over all of the post primary schools just under half have vacancies and approximately a quarter have only one vacancy. This is not unusual given that governors serve in a voluntary capacity and for personal and business reasons a number periodically resign during their 4 year term of office and have to be replaced by the relevant nominating and appointing authorities.

I can confirm that the proceedings of a Board of Governors is not invalidated by any vacancy among its members. School business is continuing to be conducted as usual and I am continuing to make appointments to fill vacancies on the Boards of Governors of voluntary grammar and grant maintained integrated schools.

John O'Dowd MLA

## POST PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

| <b>Area: Belfast Education &amp; Library Board</b> | <b>Number of Vacancies</b> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Ashfield Boys' High School                         | 1                          |
| Belfast Boys' Model School                         | 2                          |
| Belfast Royal Academy                              | 2                          |
| Bloomfield Collegiate                              | 3                          |
| Christian Brothers' School                         | 1                          |
| Corpus Christi College                             | 3                          |
| De La Salle College                                | 1                          |
| Hazelwood Integrated College                       | 4                          |
| Little Flower Girls' School                        | 1                          |
| Malone GMI College                                 | 6                          |
| Methodist College                                  | 1                          |
| Orangefield High School                            | 3                          |
| Rathmore Grammar School                            | 1                          |
| St Genevieve's High School                         | 1                          |
| St Louise's Comprehensive College                  | 3                          |
| St Patrick's College                               | 1                          |
| St Rose's Dominican College                        | 2                          |
| Strathearn School                                  | 1                          |
| Victoria College                                   | 2                          |
| Wellington College                                 | 4                          |

| <b>Area: North-Eastern Education &amp; Library Board</b> | <b>Number of Vacancies</b> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Ballee Community High School                             | 4                          |
| Ballymoney High School                                   | 3                          |
| Belfast High School                                      | 3                          |
| Coleraine College  | 2                          |
| Coleraine Academical Institution                         | 2                          |
| Crumlin Integrated College                               | 1                          |
| Cullybackey High School                                  | 1                          |
| Dalriada School  | 1                          |
| Dominican College, Portstewart                           | 1                          |
| Dunclug College  | 1                          |
| Glengormley High School                                  | 3                          |
| Larne Grammar School                                     | 1                          |
| Loreto College, Coleraine                                | 1                          |
| Magherafelt High School                                  | 1                          |
| Newtownabbey Community High School                       | 2                          |
| North Coast GM Integrated College                        | 7                          |
| Parkhall Integrated College                              | 2                          |
| Rainey Endowed School                                    | 1                          |
| Slemish GM Integrated College                            | 2                          |
| Sperrin Integrated College                               | 5                          |
| St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena                       | 2                          |
| St Mary's Grammar School                                 | 4                          |
| Ulidia GM Integrated College                             | 3                          |

| <b>Area: South-Eastern Education &amp; Library Board</b> | <b>Number of Vacancies</b> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Assumption Grammar School                                | 3                          |
| Bangor Academy and Sixth Form College                    | 1                          |
| Down High School   | 1                          |
| Blackwater GMI College                                   | 6                          |
| Fort Hill Integrated College                             | 3                          |
| Glenlola Collegiate School                               | 1                          |
| Knockbreda High School                                   | 1                          |
| Lisnagarvey High School                                  | 1                          |
| Movilla High School                                      | 1                          |
| Newtownbreda High School                                 | 1                          |
| Our Lady and St Patrick's College                        | 2                          |
| St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick                 | 7                          |
| Shimna Integrated College                                | 6                          |
| Strangford Integrated College                            | 1                          |
| The High School, Ballynahinch                            | 1                          |

| <b>Area: Southern Education and Library Board</b> | <b>Number of Vacancies</b> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Aughnacloy College                                | 1                          |
| Banbridge High School                             | 1                          |
| Brownlow College                                  | 2                          |
| Clounagh Junior High School                       | 1                          |
| Cookstown High School                             | 1                          |
| Craigavon Senior High School                      | 2                          |
| Drumcree College, Portadown                       | 1                          |
| Drumglass High School                             | 1                          |
| Fivemiletown College                              | 1                          |
| GM Integrated College, Dungannon                  | 8                          |
| Kilkeel High School                               | 1                          |
| Killicomaine Junior High School                   | 1                          |
| New-bridge Integrated College                     | 5                          |
| Newry High School                                 | 1                          |
| Our Lady's Grammar School                         | 4                          |
| St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley                  | 1                          |
| St Joseph's College, Coalisland                   | 1                          |
| St Joseph's Grammar School                        | 3                          |
| St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel                  | 3                          |
| St Paul's Junior High School, Lurgan              | 1                          |
| St Paul's High School, Bessbrook                  | 1                          |
| Tandragee High School                             | 1                          |

| <b>Area: Western Education &amp; Library Board</b> | <b>Number of Vacancies</b> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Castleberg High School                             | 2                          |
| Christian Brothers Grammar School                  | 3                          |
| Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore                  | 2                          |
| Devenish College                                   | 1                          |
| Drumragh GMI College                               | 4                          |
| Erne GMI College                                   | 4                          |
| Foyle College                                      | 2                          |
| Limavady High School                               | 2                          |
| Lisneal College                                    | 3                          |
| Loreto Grammar School, Omagh                       | 3                          |
| Mount Lourdes Grammar School                       | 3                          |
| Portora Royal School                               | 10                         |
| Oakgrove GM Integrated College                     | 4                          |
| Sacred Heart College, Omagh                        | 1                          |
| St Brigid's College, Carnhill                      | 1                          |
| St Comhgall's College, Lisnaskea                   | 2                          |
| St Joseph's Boys' School                           | 1                          |
| St Mary's College, Derry                           | 1                          |
| St Mary's College, Irvinestown                     | 2                          |
| St Michael's College, Enniskillen                  | 1                          |
| St Patrick's College, Dungiven                     | 1                          |
| Thornhill College                                  | 1                          |