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Dear Peter

INQUIRY INTO SHARED INTEGRATED EDUCATION – FOLLOW UP INFORMATION – DSC SHARED EDUCATION SIGNATURE PROJECT

Your correspondence of 6 February refers.

The DSC Shared Education Signature Project is open to schools that currently are engaged in a collaborative partnership on a cross-sectoral and cross-community basis providing they demonstrate clear plans to show progress in advancing the level of sharing as defined in the 'Self Evaluation framework for Shared Education' (available at www.sepni.org). It is not primarily targeting schools that are pursuing amalgamation, although each application will be considered on the basis of its merits.

There are already processes in place for schools that are seeking a voluntary amalgamation and the draft Shared Education policy which is currently issued for public consultation commits to working to develop guidance for a jointly managed school, which will be a further option for schools seeking a voluntary amalgamation.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Russell

Delivering Social Change Shared Education Signature Project

At its meeting on Wednesday 4 February 2015, the Committee received a briefing from Professors Smith and Hamber and the Integrated Education Fund, as part of the Inquiry into Shared and Integrated Education.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking clarification as to whether the Delivering Social Change Shared Education Signature Project (or any other Shared Education programmes) would provide support or guidance to schools wishing to undertake voluntary cross-sectoral amalgamations.

A response by 20 February 2015 would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Signed Peter McCallion

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