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Dear Peter

SHARED EDUCATION CAMPUSES

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 2014 regarding the Shared Education Campuses Programme.

Officials will be content to brief the Committee on the Shared Education Campuses Programme protocol on 14 January 2015 at Moy Regional Primary School. I would be grateful if you could contact Roisin Lilley, Head of the Shared Education Campuses Project Team, at roisin.lilley@deni.gov.uk closer to the date to confirm the detailed arrangements.

You had also asked for further information on the Department's use of facilitators to encourage Shared Education and assist in the development of Shared Campus proposals.

As the Committee is aware, the Department of Education, in conjunction with funding from the Delivering Social Change framework and Atlantic Philanthropies, is providing a funding stream to support Shared Education in schools over the next four years. The Shared Education Signature Project will provide funding of £25 million over the four year period. The project will be launched by the Minister and the first call for applications opened in the near future. This funding, which will focus on schools that have already engaged in this work, will increase the number of young people participating in Shared Education and promote reconciliation through schools increasingly working collaboratively. The project will fund a number of Development

Officers to support the delivery of Shared Education programmes funded by the project.

In terms of the Shared Education Campuses Programme, the schools involved in projects chosen to go forward under the Programme will be working closely with their respective Managing Authorities, their local Planning Authority (ie the relevant Education & Library Board) and DE officials in the development of each project. Managing and Planning Authorities are also available to work with schools in bringing forward applications to the Programme.

Yours sincerely

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