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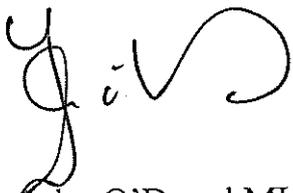
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ANSWER

I have arranged for the information requested to be placed in the Assembly Library.



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(a) The table below details the rate per thousand of primary school enrolments with less than 85% attendance by District Council Area in 2013/14.

District Council Area	Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance
ANTRIM	28.4
ARDS	37.3
ARMAGH	30.5
BALLYMENA	28.0
BALLYMONEY	21.0
BANBRIDGE	25.5
BELFAST	61.5
CARRICKFERGUS	25.8
CASTLEREAGH	30.4
COLERAINE	31.1
COOKSTOWN	24.1
CRAIGAVON	43.1
DERRY	48.5
DOWN	34.3
DUNGANNON	42.8
FERMANAGH	33.4
LARNE	24.5
LIMAVADY	25.9
LISBURN	40.0
MAGHERAFELT	24.5
MOYLE	22.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	37.0
NEWTOWNABBEY	34.2
NORTH DOWN	30.3
OMAGH	27.9
STRABANE	30.8
North of Ireland	38.1

(b) The table below details the rate per thousand of primary school enrolments with less than 85% attendance by Ward in 2013/14

District Council Area	Ward Name	Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance
ANTRIM	ALDERGROVE	24.8
ANTRIM	BALLOO	46.3
ANTRIM	BALLYCRAIGY	49.6
ANTRIM	CLADY	7.4
ANTRIM	CRANFIELD	29.1
ANTRIM	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	34.1
ANTRIM	DRUMANAWAY	42.1
ANTRIM	FARRANSHANE	34.5
ANTRIM	FOUNTAIN HILL	15.8
ANTRIM	GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	47.9
ANTRIM	MASSEREENE	21.7
ANTRIM	PARKGATE	15.6
ANTRIM	RANDALSTOWN	35.7
ANTRIM	SHILVODAN	22.2
ANTRIM	SPRINGFARM	41.4
ANTRIM	STEEPLE	32.9
ANTRIM	STILES	46.8
ANTRIM	TEMPLEPATRICK	11.1
ANTRIM	TOOME	3.1
ARDS	BALLYGOWAN	18.3
ARDS	BALLYRAINEY	73.6
ARDS	BALLYWALTER	59.5
ARDS	BRADSHAWS BRAE	16.5
ARDS	CARROWDORE	28.0
ARDS	CENTRAL (ARDS)	59.3
ARDS	COMBER EAST	58.6
ARDS	COMBER NORTH	50.0
ARDS	COMBER WEST	5.5
ARDS	DONAGHADEE NORTH	23.7
ARDS	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	47.4
ARDS	GLEN	56.2
ARDS	GREGSTOWN	68.0
ARDS	KILLINCHY	8.9

District Council Area	Ward Name	Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance
ARDS	KIRCUBBIN	23.3
ARDS	LISBANE	3.9
ARDS	LOUGHRIES	40.1
ARDS	MILLISLE	40.7
ARDS	MOVILLA	14.8
ARDS	PORTAFERRY	17.1
ARDS	PORTAVOGIE	40.1
ARDS	SCRABO	70.7
ARDS	WHITESPOTS	24.4
ARMAGH	ABBEY PARK	42.0
ARMAGH	BALLYMARTRIM	18.4
ARMAGH	CALLAN BRIDGE	132.4
ARMAGH	CARRIGATUKE	7.8
ARMAGH	CHARLEMONT	9.3
ARMAGH	DEMESNE	55.1
ARMAGH	DERRYNOOSE	22.6
ARMAGH	DOWNS	51.4
ARMAGH	HAMILTONSBAWN	10.8
ARMAGH	HOCKLEY	9.5
ARMAGH	KEADY	51.1
ARMAGH	KILLEEN	25.4
ARMAGH	KILLYLEA	11.4
ARMAGH	LAURELVALE	21.4
ARMAGH	LOUGHGALL	13.7
ARMAGH	MARKETHILL	15.8
ARMAGH	MILFORD	11.7
ARMAGH	OBSERVATORY	55.3
ARMAGH	POYNTZ PASS	29.3
ARMAGH	RICH HILL	16.6
ARMAGH	TANDRAGEE	34.5
ARMAGH	THE MALL	83.3
BALLYMENA	ACADEMY	33.0
BALLYMENA	AHOGHILL	15.8
BALLYMENA	ARDEEVIN	19.2
BALLYMENA	BALLEE	55.0
BALLYMENA	BALLYKEEL	24.4

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BALLYMENA	BALLYLOUGHAN	24.6
BALLYMENA	BROUGHSHANE	13.8
BALLYMENA	CASTLE DEMESNE	69.0
BALLYMENA	CRAIGYWARREN	0.0
BALLYMENA	CULLYBACKEY	44.6
BALLYMENA	DUNCLUG	64.3
BALLYMENA	DUNMINNING	8.3
BALLYMENA	FAIR GREEN	64.5
BALLYMENA	GALGORM	22.6
BALLYMENA	GLENRAVEL	12.8
BALLYMENA	GLENWHIRRY	6.9
BALLYMENA	GRANGE	21.1
BALLYMENA	HARRYVILLE	20.4
BALLYMENA	KELLS	31.4
BALLYMENA	MOAT	15.4
BALLYMENA	PARK	61.3
BALLYMENA	PORTGLENONE	18.2
BALLYMENA	SLEMISH	37.6
BALLYMENA	SUMMERFIELD	59.6
BALLYMONEY	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	11.0
BALLYMONEY	BENVARDIN	5.6
BALLYMONEY	CARNANY	39.1
BALLYMONEY	CLOGH MILLS	37.3
BALLYMONEY	DERVOCK	21.9
BALLYMONEY	DUNLOY	11.2
BALLYMONEY	FAIRHILL	15.1
BALLYMONEY	GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	28.6
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN LOWER	30.9
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN UPPER	37.3
BALLYMONEY	KNOCKAHOLET	6.8
BALLYMONEY	NEWHILL	32.7
BALLYMONEY	ROUTE	33.3
BALLYMONEY	SEACON	11.2
BALLYMONEY	STRANOCUM	26.5
BALLYMONEY	THE VOW	9.3
BANBRIDGE	BALLYDOWN	17.7

District Council Area	Ward Name	Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance
BANBRIDGE	BALLYWARD	9.2
BANBRIDGE	BANBRIDGE WEST	36.4
BANBRIDGE	BANNSIDE	10.1
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE NORTH	18.7
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE SOUTH	29.9
BANBRIDGE	EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	45.8
BANBRIDGE	FORT	64.3
BANBRIDGE	GILFORD	36.3
BANBRIDGE	GRANSHA	17.5
BANBRIDGE	KATESBRIDGE	38.7
BANBRIDGE	LAWRENCETOWN	17.8
BANBRIDGE	LOUGHBRICKLAND	7.0
BANBRIDGE	QUILLY	11.8
BANBRIDGE	RATHFRILAND	22.8
BANBRIDGE	SEAPATRICK	21.1
BANBRIDGE	THE CUT	82.1
BELFAST	ANDERSONSTOWN	46.7
BELFAST	ARDOYNE	39.7
BELFAST	BALLYHACKAMORE	17.4
BELFAST	BALLYMACARRETT	102.8
BELFAST	BALLYNAFEIGH	79.3
BELFAST	BALLYSILLAN	51.1
BELFAST	BEECHMOUNT	54.9
BELFAST	BELLEVUE	41.7
BELFAST	BELMONT	32.2
BELFAST	BLACKSTAFF	129.3
BELFAST	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	71.2
BELFAST	BOTANIC	226.7
BELFAST	CASTLEVIEW	55.9
BELFAST	CAVEHILL	9.9
BELFAST	CHERRYVALLEY	20.6
BELFAST	CHICHESTER PARK	50.4
BELFAST	CLIFTONVILLE	42.3
BELFAST	CLONARD	67.2
BELFAST	CRUMLIN (BELFAST)	108.6
BELFAST	DUNCAIRN	78.7

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BELFAST	FALLS	52.3
BELFAST	FALLS PARK	21.4
BELFAST	FINAGHY	17.8
BELFAST	FORTWILLIAM	34.5
BELFAST	GLEN ROAD	60.6
BELFAST	GLENCAIRN	96.5
BELFAST	GLENCOLIN	42.7
BELFAST	HIGHFIELD	39.8
BELFAST	ISLAND	123.8
BELFAST	KNOCK	23.3
BELFAST	LADYBROOK	79.5
BELFAST	LEGONIEL	47.4
BELFAST	MALONE	11.0
BELFAST	MUSGRAVE	25.9
BELFAST	NEW LODGE	96.2
BELFAST	ORANGEFIELD	24.3
BELFAST	RAVENHILL	37.2
BELFAST	ROSETTA	41.9
BELFAST	SHAFTESBURY	95.8
BELFAST	SHANKILL	126.4
BELFAST	STORMONT	4.6
BELFAST	STRANMILLIS	6.7
BELFAST	SYDENHAM	63.5
BELFAST	THE MOUNT	125.0
BELFAST	UPPER MALONE	35.0
BELFAST	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	78.5
BELFAST	WATER WORKS	82.8
BELFAST	WHITEROCK	89.8
BELFAST	WINDSOR	65.1
BELFAST	WOODSTOCK	104.2
BELFAST	WOODVALE	146.6
CARRICKFERGUS	BLACKHEAD	12.3
CARRICKFERGUS	BLUEFIELD	4.3
CARRICKFERGUS	BONEYBEFORE	10.4
CARRICKFERGUS	BURLEIGH HILL	9.4
CARRICKFERGUS	CLIPPERSTOWN	39.8

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CARRICKFERGUS	EDEN	13.1
CARRICKFERGUS	GORTALEE	29.7
CARRICKFERGUS	GREENISLAND	16.2
CARRICKFERGUS	KILLYCROT	54.1
CARRICKFERGUS	KNOCKAGH	13.5
CARRICKFERGUS	LOVE LANE	37.0
CARRICKFERGUS	MILEBUSH	50.8
CARRICKFERGUS	NORTHLAND	73.6
CARRICKFERGUS	SUNNYLANDS	36.0
CARRICKFERGUS	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	28.9
CARRICKFERGUS	WHITEHEAD	34.2
CARRICKFERGUS	WOODBURN	34.0
CASTLEREAGH	BALLYHANWOOD	13.5
CASTLEREAGH	BEECHILL	28.6
CASTLEREAGH	CAIRNSHILL	21.8
CASTLEREAGH	CARROWREAGH	13.0
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF EAST	3.3
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF WEST	6.2
CASTLEREAGH	CREGAGH	54.3
CASTLEREAGH	DOWNSHIRE	15.1
CASTLEREAGH	DUNDONALD	33.6
CASTLEREAGH	ENLER	66.0
CASTLEREAGH	GALWALLY	30.3
CASTLEREAGH	GILNAHIRK	37.9
CASTLEREAGH	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	92.5
CASTLEREAGH	HILLFOOT	0.0
CASTLEREAGH	KNOCKBRACKEN	6.8
CASTLEREAGH	LISNASHARRAGH	47.4
CASTLEREAGH	LOWER BRANIEL	29.6
CASTLEREAGH	MINNOWBURN	65.5
CASTLEREAGH	MONEYREAGH	7.5
CASTLEREAGH	NEWTOWNBREDA	31.9
CASTLEREAGH	TULLYCARNET	69.9
CASTLEREAGH	UPPER BRANIEL	31.3
CASTLEREAGH	WYNCHURCH	44.2

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COLERAINE	AGIVEY	0.0
COLERAINE	ATLANTIC	77.4
COLERAINE	BALLYSALLY	35.9
COLERAINE	CASTLEROCK	29.2
COLERAINE	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	68.0
COLERAINE	CHURCHLAND	57.0
COLERAINE	CROSS GLEBE	34.5
COLERAINE	DUNDOOAN	42.5
COLERAINE	DUNLUCE	30.6
COLERAINE	GARVAGH	14.8
COLERAINE	HOPEFIELD	17.9
COLERAINE	KILREA	32.3
COLERAINE	KNOCKLYNN	40.9
COLERAINE	MACOSQUIN	18.5
COLERAINE	MOUNT SANDEL	19.8
COLERAINE	PORTSTEWART	102.6
COLERAINE	RINGSEND	4.7
COLERAINE	ROYAL PORTRUSH	49.6
COLERAINE	STRAND (COLERAINE)	37.6
COLERAINE	THE CUTS	14.5
COLERAINE	UNIVERSITY	13.3
COLERAINE	WATERSIDE	19.0
COOKSTOWN	ARDBOE	11.1
COOKSTOWN	COAGH	0.0
COOKSTOWN	DUNNAMORE	10.4
COOKSTOWN	GORTALOWRY	25.9
COOKSTOWN	KILLYCOLPY	28.8
COOKSTOWN	KILLYMOON	13.5
COOKSTOWN	LISSAN	22.2
COOKSTOWN	MONEYMORE	10.9
COOKSTOWN	NEWBUILDINGS	35.1
COOKSTOWN	OAKLANDS	20.7
COOKSTOWN	OLDTOWN	25.5
COOKSTOWN	POMEROY	19.7
COOKSTOWN	SANDHOLES	14.9
COOKSTOWN	STEWARTSTOWN	16.9

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COOKSTOWN	THE LOOP	51.7
COOKSTOWN	TULLAGH	80.2
CRAIGAVON	AGHAGALLON	13.4
CRAIGAVON	ANNAGH	50.3
CRAIGAVON	BALLYBAY	92.3
CRAIGAVON	BALLYORAN	25.0
CRAIGAVON	BLEARY	12.6
CRAIGAVON	BROWNSTOWN	57.3
CRAIGAVON	CHURCH	117.1
CRAIGAVON	CORCRAIN	66.5
CRAIGAVON	COURT	65.2
CRAIGAVON	DERRYTRASNA	8.4
CRAIGAVON	DONAGHCLONEY	17.9
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGASK	65.5
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGOR	125.0
CRAIGAVON	DRUMNAMOE	52.9
CRAIGAVON	EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	41.9
CRAIGAVON	KERNAN	32.1
CRAIGAVON	KILLYCOMAIN	49.3
CRAIGAVON	KNOCKNASHANE	58.0
CRAIGAVON	MAGHERALIN	18.0
CRAIGAVON	MOURNEVIEW	35.0
CRAIGAVON	PARKLAKE	40.6
CRAIGAVON	TAGHNEVAN	42.7
CRAIGAVON	TAVANAGH	66.7
CRAIGAVON	THE BIRCHES	26.7
CRAIGAVON	WARINGSTOWN	11.1
CRAIGAVON	WOODVILLE	70.4
DERRY	ALTNAGELVIN	41.7
DERRY	BALLYNASHALLOG	17.4
DERRY	BANAGHER	8.0
DERRY	BEECHWOOD	22.6
DERRY	BRANDYWELL	58.6
DERRY	CARN HILL	34.1
DERRY	CAW	45.7
DERRY	CLAUDY	8.7

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DERRY	CLONDERMOT	54.3
DERRY	CREGGAN CENTRAL	104.7
DERRY	CREGGAN SOUTH	63.4
DERRY	CREVAGH	66.7
DERRY	CULMORE	75.1
DERRY	EBRINGTON	55.8
DERRY	EGLINTON	13.5
DERRY	ENAGH (DERRY)	31.4
DERRY	FOYLE SPRINGS	16.1
DERRY	HOLLY MOUNT	30.1
DERRY	KILFENNAN	41.5
DERRY	LISNAGELVIN	24.1
DERRY	NEW BUILDINGS	22.8
DERRY	PENNYBURN	26.2
DERRY	ROSEMOUNT	61.5
DERRY	SHANTALLOW EAST	71.2
DERRY	SHANTALLOW WEST	67.4
DERRY	SPRINGTOWN	56.5
DERRY	STRAND (DERRY)	125.0
DERRY	THE DIAMOND	100.0
DERRY	VICTORIA (DERRY)	58.7
DERRY	WESTLAND	48.0
DOWN	ARDGLASS	25.7
DOWN	AUDLEYS ACRE	50.8
DOWN	BALLYMAGLAVE	12.3
DOWN	BALLYMOTE	43.6
DOWN	BALLYNAHINCH EAST	17.7
DOWN	CASTLEWELLAN	42.8
DOWN	CATHEDRAL	36.7
DOWN	CROSSGAR	19.1
DOWN	DERRYBOY	22.9
DOWN	DONARD	53.9
DOWN	DRUMANESS	30.5
DOWN	DUNDRUM	36.3
DOWN	DUNMORE	29.6
DOWN	KILLOUGH	39.8

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DOWN	KILLYLEAGH	35.6
DOWN	KILMORE	7.1
DOWN	MURLOUGH	124.0
DOWN	QUOILE	46.9
DOWN	SAINTFIELD	11.5
DOWN	SEAFORDE	37.5
DOWN	SHIMNA	44.3
DOWN	STRANGFORD	18.7
DOWN	TOLLYMORE	14.7
DUNGANNON	ALTMORE	22.4
DUNGANNON	AUGHER	4.5
DUNGANNON	AUGHNACLOY	47.6
DUNGANNON	BALLYGAWLEY	20.9
DUNGANNON	BALLYSAGGART	109.1
DUNGANNON	BENBURB	6.3
DUNGANNON	CALEDON	4.2
DUNGANNON	CASTLECAULFIELD	15.3
DUNGANNON	CLOGHER	26.6
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND NORTH	63.3
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND SOUTH	88.1
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	84.6
DUNGANNON	COOLHILL	78.1
DUNGANNON	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	21.8
DUNGANNON	DRUMGLASS	90.9
DUNGANNON	FIVEMILETOWN	47.9
DUNGANNON	KILLYMAN	13.9
DUNGANNON	KILLYMEAL	78.0
DUNGANNON	MOY	26.9
DUNGANNON	MOYGASHEL	4.8
DUNGANNON	MULLAGHMORE	34.3
DUNGANNON	WASHING BAY	12.6
FERMANAGH	BALLINAMALLARD	11.3
FERMANAGH	BELCOO AND GARRISON	8.7
FERMANAGH	BELLEEK AND BOA	34.5

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FERMANAGH	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	15.3
FERMANAGH	BROOKEBOROUGH	12.8
FERMANAGH	CASTLECOOLE	48.1
FERMANAGH	DERRYGONNELLY	21.8
FERMANAGH	DERRYLIN	23.0
FERMANAGH	DEVENISH	112.0
FERMANAGH	DONAGH	22.6
FERMANAGH	ERNE	74.1
FERMANAGH	FLORENCECOURT AND KINAWLEY	10.6
FERMANAGH	IRVINESTOWN	65.0
FERMANAGH	KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	32.8
FERMANAGH	LISBELLAW	29.8
FERMANAGH	LISNARRICK	22.6
FERMANAGH	LISNASKEA	96.2
FERMANAGH	MAGUIRESBRIDGE	24.1
FERMANAGH	NEWTOWNBUTLER	11.5
FERMANAGH	PORTORA	65.2
FERMANAGH	ROSSLEA	31.8
FERMANAGH	ROSSORRY	46.7
FERMANAGH	TEMPO	4.2
LARNE	ANTIVILLE	64.0
LARNE	BALLYCARRY	21.9
LARNE	BALLYLORAN	25.3
LARNE	BLACKCAVE	72.7
LARNE	CARNCASTLE	9.2
LARNE	CARNLOUGH	38.0
LARNE	CENTRAL (LARNE)	12.8
LARNE	CRAIGY HILL	36.1
LARNE	GARDENMORE	19.8
LARNE	GLENARM	13.7
LARNE	GLYNN	10.5
LARNE	HARBOUR (LARNE)	16.4
LARNE	ISLAND MAGEE	26.2
LARNE	KILWAUGHTER	10.5

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LARNE	TOWN PARKS	42.1
LIMAVADY	AGHANLOO	21.1
LIMAVADY	BALLYKELLY	7.0
LIMAVADY	COOLESSAN	56.5
LIMAVADY	DUNGIVEN	22.9
LIMAVADY	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	24.6
LIMAVADY	FEENY	24.8
LIMAVADY	FOREST	27.9
LIMAVADY	GLACK	15.3
LIMAVADY	GRESTEEL	26.5
LIMAVADY	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	117.6
LIMAVADY	MAGILLIGAN	20.0
LIMAVADY	RATHBRADY	11.4
LIMAVADY	ROESIDE	60.2
LIMAVADY	THE HIGHLANDS	8.3
LIMAVADY	UPPER GLENSHANE	11.5
LISBURN	BALLINDERRY	25.4
LISBURN	BALLYMACASH	23.7
LISBURN	BALLYMACBRENNAN	25.5
LISBURN	BALLYMACOSS	46.4
LISBURN	BLARIS	35.7
LISBURN	COLLIN GLEN	101.9
LISBURN	DERRYAGHY	34.9
LISBURN	DROMARA	8.8
LISBURN	DRUMBO	7.7
LISBURN	DUNMURRY	30.9
LISBURN	GLENAVY	22.1
LISBURN	HARMONY HILL	30.6
LISBURN	HILDEN	87.6
LISBURN	HILLHALL	49.2
LISBURN	HILLSBOROUGH	7.3
LISBURN	KILWEE	68.8
LISBURN	KNOCKMORE	46.2
LISBURN	LAGAN VALLEY	34.5
LISBURN	LAMBEG	90.9
LISBURN	LISNAGARVY	37.0

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LISBURN	MAGHABERRY	17.4
LISBURN	MAGHERALAVE	12.2
LISBURN	MAZE	8.4
LISBURN	MOIRA	20.6
LISBURN	OLD WARREN	75.9
LISBURN	POLEGLASS	75.1
LISBURN	SEYMOUR HILL	39.3
LISBURN	TONAGH	74.4
LISBURN	TWINBROOK	51.1
LISBURN	WALLACE PARK	12.0
MAGHERAFELT	BALLYMAGUIGAN	15.2
MAGHERAFELT	BELLAGHY	3.5
MAGHERAFELT	CASTLEDAWSON	17.6
MAGHERAFELT	DRAPERSTOWN	11.2
MAGHERAFELT	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	79.1
MAGHERAFELT	GULLADUFF	13.7
MAGHERAFELT	KNOCKCLOGHRIM	11.5
MAGHERAFELT	LECUMPHER	11.9
MAGHERAFELT	LOWER GLENSHANE	7.4
MAGHERAFELT	MAGHERA	32.3
MAGHERAFELT	SWATRAGH	8.1
MAGHERAFELT	TOBERMORE	19.0
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS EAST	96.3
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS WEST	69.1
MAGHERAFELT	UPPERLANDS	3.7
MAGHERAFELT	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	27.2
MOYLE	ARMOY	10.5
MOYLE	BALLYLOUGH	11.0
MOYLE	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	0.0
MOYLE	BUSHMILLS	35.1
MOYLE	CARNMOON	0.0
MOYLE	DALRIADA	72.1
MOYLE	DUNSEVERICK	18.2
MOYLE	GLENAAN	33.3
MOYLE	GLENARIFF	26.7
MOYLE	GLENDUN	9.3

District Council Area	Ward Name	Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance
MOYLE	GLENSHESK	0.0
MOYLE	GLENTAISIE	68.2
MOYLE	KINBANE	0.0
MOYLE	KNOCKLAYD	16.8
MOYLE	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	0.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	ANNALONG	25.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	BALLYBOT	81.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	BESSBROOK	71.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	BINNIAN	37.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	12.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	CAMLOUGH	17.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	CLONALLAN	61.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	CREGGAN	23.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	CROSSMAGLEN	25.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	DAISY HILL	83.3
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYLECKAGH	19.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYMORE	59.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	24.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMALANE	71.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMGULLION	82.1
NEWRY & MOURNE	FATHOM	112.1
NEWRY & MOURNE	FORKHILL	19.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL CENTRAL	33.3
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL SOUTH	29.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	LISNACREE	28.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	MAYOBRIDGE	11.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	8.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	ROSTREVOR	27.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	SEAVIEW	61.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	SILVER BRIDGE	26.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	SPELGA	30.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST MARYS	100.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST PATRICKS	39.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	TULLYHAPPY	9.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	WINDSOR HILL	44.6

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NEWTOWNABBEY	ABBEY	36.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE NORTH	52.1
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	57.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYDUFF	55.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYHENRY	25.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYNURE	10.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYROBERT	30.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	BURNTHILL	16.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	CARNMONEY	76.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	CLOUGHFERN	46.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	COLLINBRIDGE	15.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	COOLE	53.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	DOAGH	9.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	DUNANNEY	47.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBEY)	16.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLENGORMLEY	32.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	HAWTHORNE	65.1
NEWTOWNABBEY	HIGHTOWN	23.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	JORDANSTOWN	12.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	MALLUSK	19.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	MONKSTOWN	57.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	MOSSLEY	79.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	ROSTULLA	23.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBEY)	33.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	WHITEHOUSE	34.7
NORTH DOWN	BALLYCROCHAN	14.1
NORTH DOWN	BALLYHOLME	26.5
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMACONNELL	24.2
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMAGEE	23.4
NORTH DOWN	BANGOR CASTLE	35.0
NORTH DOWN	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	40.4
NORTH DOWN	BROADWAY	22.3
NORTH DOWN	BRYANSBURN	13.2
NORTH DOWN	CHURCHILL	10.6
NORTH DOWN	CLANDEBOYE	46.4

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NORTH DOWN	CONLIG	32.0
NORTH DOWN	CRAIGAVAD	32.5
NORTH DOWN	CRAWFORDSBURN	10.0
NORTH DOWN	CULTRA	0.0
NORTH DOWN	DUFFERIN	43.2
NORTH DOWN	GROOMSPORT	16.4
NORTH DOWN	HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	37.4
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	16.0
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	16.0
NORTH DOWN	LOUGHVIEW	110.6
NORTH DOWN	PRINCETOWN	10.1
NORTH DOWN	RATHGAEL	12.0
NORTH DOWN	SILVERSTREAM	42.9
NORTH DOWN	SPRING HILL	5.6
NORTH DOWN	WHITEHILL	63.1
OMAGH	BERAGH	44.0
OMAGH	CAMOWEN	55.6
OMAGH	CLANABOGAN	8.2
OMAGH	COOLNAGARD	56.5
OMAGH	DERGMONEY	0.0
OMAGH	DROMORE	21.6
OMAGH	DRUMNAKILLY	15.3
OMAGH	DRUMQUIN	13.8
OMAGH	DRUMRAGH	49.6
OMAGH	FAIRY WATER	16.9
OMAGH	FINTONA	15.2
OMAGH	GORTIN	18.0
OMAGH	GORTRUSH	48.0
OMAGH	KILLYCLOGHER	32.9
OMAGH	LISANELLY	93.8
OMAGH	NEWTOWNSAVILLE	13.6
OMAGH	OWENKILLEW	25.6
OMAGH	SIXMILECROSS	7.9
OMAGH	STRULE	33.3
OMAGH	TERMON	13.7
OMAGH	TRILLICK	3.9

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STRABANE	ARTIGARVAN	12.8
STRABANE	BALLYCOLMAN	94.9
STRABANE	CASTLEDERG	36.8
STRABANE	CLARE	0.0
STRABANE	DUNNAMANAGH	10.4
STRABANE	EAST	133.3
STRABANE	FINN	25.1
STRABANE	GLENDERG	17.1
STRABANE	NEWTOWNSTEWART	5.6
STRABANE	NORTH	41.2
STRABANE	PLUMBRIDGE	5.3
STRABANE	SION MILLS	44.9
STRABANE	SLIEVEKIRK	16.9
STRABANE	SOUTH	63.0
STRABANE	VICTORIA BRIDGE	32.3
STRABANE	WEST	46.9
North of Ireland		38.1

(ii) Regular school attendance and educational attainment are inextricably linked. Regular attendance ensures that pupils get the best possible outcomes from their period in compulsory education and improves their chances of employment and life chances in the longer term.

I have given close attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee report on this issue, in particular that we need a Pupil Attendance Strategy. A Memorandum of Reply was published in August and it sets out a programme of work for my Department and the Education and Library Boards (ELBs).

Much has already been done. For example, to assist with the development of the Pupil Attendance Strategy, my officials have held workshops with schools and the Education Welfare Service (EWS). Direct engagement will also take place with pupils, parents, school governors, other government departments and the wider community.

My Department has issued revised guidance to schools on “Pupil Attendance and Absence Recording”. It strongly recommends, among other things, that each school should have a clear pupil attendance policy. This has been supplemented by “School Attendance Matters – a Parent’s Guide” which was issued in September for distribution to the parents/carers of all school-age children.

My Department and the ELBs continue to provide support to vulnerable groups, such as Looked after Children, Travellers, School-Age Mothers and Newcomers. This work is supported by the EWS, looked after children teams, the Traveller Education Support Service (TESS) and the Inclusion and Diversity Service.

The levels of unauthorised pupil absences are unacceptable. Evidence shows that not all schools are following up on the reasons for absences. My Department will be writing to these schools in the coming weeks to highlight how many days of education have been missed by their pupils where the reason for the absence is unknown. If we are to develop a meaningful Pupil Attendance Strategy, we need to know the underlying causes of absenteeism which develop into educational underachievement for so many of our young people.

I remain committed to addressing the issue to ensure that our young people have every opportunity to reap the benefits of regular school attendance.