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Education

CAPITAL INVESTMENT ADVANCING NEW SCHOOLS IN PLANNING

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Mr John O'Dowd (The Minister of Education): On 24 June I made an Announcement to the Assembly on Capital Investment for Schools to be advanced in planning. This announcement included major works projects for 8 primary and 7 post primary schools.

One project that had passed the gateway checks, achieved a high score as a result of the protocol process and qualified to be listed had to be held back from the announcement as it was the subject of a judicial review. This judicial review has since been dismissed by the Judge, Mr Justice Treacy, on 25 June 2014.

The project is for a new build school to house pupils following the amalgamation of Knockbreda and Newtownbreda High Schools. This amalgamation is to be carried out in September 2014 or as soon thereafter as possible. As a result of the Judge's decision the project can now be appended to those that I announced to the Assembly on the morning of 24 June.