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Re: follow up to letter sent 4 March 2022

We write to follow up on our most [recent letter sent on 4 March](#) to the Education, Children and Families Committee. We would very much welcome an update on the following key areas:

- Plans for engagement with GME families, your proposed timings for these and how you anticipate these discussions taking place.
- Progress on identifying any other potential sites for the new GME high school
- Assurances that that GME pupils at JGHS would not be affected by a catchment review until a guaranteed, sustainable, long-term alternative for secondary school provision is available
- Progress on discussions with Scottish Government
- Details on any timescale to which the Council is currently working towards regarding the new GME high school and any key dates within this

We suggested in our letter to Cabinet Secretary Shirley Anne Somerville (2 March 2022) that a short life working group might be beneficial to support progression. We have not yet had a reply from Ms Somerville. It may be helpful for you to suggest the short life working group too, given that it would be set up between the Scottish Government and the Council in the first instance, with additional partners invited.

We appreciate that the local election period and the formation of a new Education, Children and Families Committee will preclude decision-making for some time, but there is still an opportunity to engage with GME families and maintain momentum between the Easter holidays and the summer break. Comann nam Pàrant is very keen to collaborate with all partners to ensure this significant venture continues to progress and to support the development of GME at all stages.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Le dùrachdan
Comann nam Pàrant (Dùn Èideann is Lodainn)