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Dear all,

I promised to write to you when Governors had finalised the programme for the stakeholder engagement process around the decision to select United Learning as the preferred multi-academy trust partner for Holland Park School.

We have, of course, already started the engagement process, given that we held two meetings (on 17th March) and that all members of the school community have for some weeks been able to send me feedback and ask questions through my email.

However, the formal process will begin next week and will run for eight weeks. This is longer than many similar processes but two of these weeks are over Easter and we are keen that everyone has the opportunity to have their say. We also wanted to allow for a number of different ways for people to do so, whether that is via in-person meetings, webinars, school visits or an online form. The programme is as follows:

- An in-person consultation event at the school on Tuesday 26th April:
 - There will be separate times for students, parents, and staff to attend through the afternoon and early evening of a date to be set
 - Exact timings will follow when confirmed
- A virtual meeting (webinar) from 6pm to 7pm on Monday 9th May:
 - This will be open to all with details of how to join and when the event will be published online next week
- Visits will be arranged to at least one United Learning school for students, parents and staff:
 - Dates and times for these visits will be agreed and shared online
 - The student visit will be arranged with the respective Student Leadership Teams of the schools
- An online question form, which will also be available as a hard copy

There will also be separate outreach to wider stakeholders so they can have their say.

You will be able to see all the information around the process, details of how to join meetings and the timings, as well as the online question form, on a website we are setting up. This can be found at www.HPS-stakeholders.co.uk, which will go live next week. At the end of the process, we will compile a report which details the findings and next steps. Whether you have to date been in favour of or opposed to the proposal that the school joins United Learning, I hope you will all find the time to be involved and let us know your views.

I also wanted to share with you three other important pieces of news. First, two new trustees have been co-opted on to the Board. They are the Rt Hon David Laws, the former Schools Minister; and Ed Vainker OBE, the Chief Executive Officer of Reach Foundation. Secondly, the recruitment process for the next substantive headteacher continues and we will provide an update on this shortly. I will let you know when we have a confirmed appointment. Finally, and as you will be aware, the elections for parent governors are under way.

Yours faithfully,



Jane Farrell
Chair of Governors