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Annwyl / Dear Lee

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Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2019 in respect of the proposals for Cantonian High School, Riverbank Special School and Woodlands High School.

I am grateful for the positive feedback from the Committee recognising how officers have engaged with the local community, schools and young people on these proposals, and I hope that the engagement with stakeholders on future proposals can continue to improve.

The committee requested a subsequent report on further proposals to increase the number of special school places for primary age children with complex learning needs, primarily as a result of the reduction of proposed places for Riverbank Special School from 140 to 112 pupils following the consultation.

The Cabinet Report of 13 December 2018 detailed how the expansion of Cantonian High School would provide sufficient mainstream places to meet the demand for places from within its catchment area, and would contribute surplus places to serve the south of the city and parts of the new Plasdwr housing development. The expansion of Riverbank, Woodlands and the Specialist Resource Base at Cantonian will contribute a significant increase in the number of places available for pupils with varied and complex needs who require a place within specialist provision, through the Band B investment period.

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The proposed reduction in the number of places at Riverbank Special School will allow an increase in the outdoor space available for learners, identified as a high priority for pupils at each of the school. However, sufficient places must still be made available for those pupils who would otherwise have accessed Riverbank Special School. Further proposals will therefore be brought forward at the earliest opportunity to provide additional permanent places for children with complex learning needs.

As the proposals for transferring and expanding Riverbank and Woodlands are at formative stages, the future use of the existing school sites has not yet been identified. However, I can assure you that the existing sites will be considered for education and other uses before any disposal. I will ensure that Members are updated on how these vacated sites will benefit their communities when this is further progressed.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



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