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To: Parent Council Chairs and Secretaries



PEOPLE Strategic Director: Margo Williamson

Dear Parent Council Chair

I am writing to introduce myself as Head of Schools and Learning for Angus Council. There have been a number of changes to the leadership team of the People Directorate (Education and Social Work) with four Heads of Service now in place. The team is led by the Strategic Director of People, Margo Williamson and as well as myself includes Tim Armstrong (Head of Children and Young People's Services), Les Hutchinson (Head of Quality and Performance) and George Bowie (Interim Head of Adult Services).

My Schools and Learning role covers strategic responsibility for:

- learning, curriculum, assessment and qualifications
- teachers' staffing, terms and conditions
- staff deployment
- school leadership
- school standards and improvement
- devolved school management
- school estate

Work is underway to plan the restructure of managers to deliver services across all functions of the People Directorate and is subject to Elected Member scrutiny in early Spring 2014.

I am aware that you may have known Susan Duff, Senior Education Manager. Susan left Angus Council in December 2013 to take up a post with Education Scotland. Susan left with our very best wishes and is enjoying her new role.

I would like to arrange an opportunity for Parent Council Chairs to meet with myself and other colleagues to discuss any issues and plan for future events. Can I suggest the evening of Tuesday 25 February 2014 from 7 – 9pm in Training Rooms A, B and C, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar, DD8 1AE? I would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance and forward any suggested agenda items to Morna Duncan (Email: <u>DuncanMH@angus.gov.uk</u>).



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Morna Duncan continues to be your first point of contact through the Angus Parent Council Blog (https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/AngusParentCouncilGroup/) or by email at DuncanMH@angus.gov.uk. If you would like to discuss any specific support your Parent Council requires please contact Gillian Strachan, Principal Officer School and Family Support (email: StrachanG@angus.gov.uk).

I look forward to meeting and working with you.

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Yours sincerely

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Head of Schools and Learning

cc: Gillian Strachan, Principal Officer School and Family Support Raymond Young, Principal Quality Improvement Officer Ken Edwards, Quality Improvement Officer Colin Nicol, Quality Improvement Officer Dawn Archibald, Quality Improvement Officer Maxine Cottiss, Quality Improvement Officer Tim Armstrong, Head of Children and Young People's Services Les Hutchinson, Head of Quality and Performance Craig Clement, Senior Education Manager Trish Torz, Strategic Support Officer