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Mr Kevin Wynne
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Re: Department of Education Circular Number: 0075/2022

Dear Kevin,

Le Chéile Schools Trust approves the addition of text to the school's admission statement as required by the Education (Provision in Respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022.

We bring to your attention the increased role and responsibility of the Patron in relation to Sections 68 to 70 inclusive of the Education Act 1988 as provided for in the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018. These specific provisions provide for a Patron or the Minister of Education to direct a school to take remedial action where the board of management have not been operating in compliance with the Act.

- Section 68 is a provision that enable the patron to issue directions to the board of management where they have failed to comply with the admissions legislation, and if the board of management fails to comply, an independent person can be appointed to carry out the action.
- Section 69 provides the Minister with the authority to nominate an authorised person to prepare a report where the Minister is of the opinion that the board of management has failed to comply with provisions in the Act. Upon consideration of the report the Minister can issue a direction to the board of management.
- Section 70 is a provision for the Minister to make a request to a patron to direct the board of management to comply with a direction in accordance with section 68.

On behalf of Le Chéile Schools Trust may I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Management and the Secretary of the Board for your prompt attention to this matter.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie-Thérèse Kilmartin'.

Marie-Thérèse Kilmartin
Chief Executive Officer