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Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Colleagues

**Re: Improvement Board**

I am writing to inform you that, after careful consideration, Essex County Council are withdrawing the Improvement Board set up at the school.

You will be aware that the local authority recommended this intervention as a result of the school being judged as 'requiring improvement' at its last inspection which was agreed by the governing body.

The LA is confident that the school has demonstrated progress towards the areas for improvement identified. This has been evidenced by improvement and development of a strengthened governing body following clarification of expectations and support provided.

Please note that as the school is now ragged as Amber and has not yet been re-inspected it is our expectation that the school will continue to maintain the momentum of school improvement in order to secure a judgement of good at your next inspection. Steve Mellors, your Standards and Excellence Commissioner will continue to monitor your progress and should concerns arise we will reconsider the LA position.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your fellow governors for your forbearance during what has been a challenging time for the school and to congratulate you on the success to date.

Yours sincerely



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