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To: Board of Management, Vocational Education Committees and Principals of Schools

Arrangements for Staffing and Filling of Posts of Responsibility in the Amalgamation of Schools to Form a Community College or Community School.

The Minister for Education wishes to advise Vocational Education Committees, Boards of Management of Secondary and Community / Comprehensive Schools and Principal Teachers of the terms of the agreement that shall be implemented in future in the case of Community Colleges and Community Schools arising from amalgamations.

Filling of Posts of Responsibility

All A and B Posts of Responsibility becoming vacant before the date of amalgamation in any of the schools scheduled for amalgamation would be filled in a permanent capacity.

Blocking of Posts of Responsibility

There would be no blocking of posts by ex-Principal/Vice-Principals where 1 or 2 ex-P/VP involved. Where more than 2 are involved, posts would be blocked. The following would be the position:

- 1-2 ex-P/VP No post blocked
- 3 ex-P/VP 1 post blocked
- 2-5 ex-P/VP 2 posts blocked
- 6 or more ex-P/VP 3 posts blocked

Filling of Posts of Principal and Vice-Principal pre-amalgamation Vacancies for Principal or Vice-Principal arising within 2 years of the proposed date of amalgamation would be filled in an acting capacity only. The approval of the Department must be obtained prior to filling any Principal or Vice-Principal post.

Filling of Teacher Posts

Fillable vacancies for teaching posts arising in the amalgamating schools in the two year period prior to amalgamation would be filled in a permanent capacity. However, teachers appointed under this arrangement would not have an automatic right of assimilation on to the staff of the Community School or Community College and would be subject to redeployment or transfer as appropriate.

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