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## Open Letter to the NKETS School Community, Monday 5th December 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the the Executive Committee I am writing to inform you of an important development for our school. The Department of Education has recently written to the Executive Committee in its capacity as School Patron, to request that we expand our school to cater for an imminent upsurge in demand in the Celbridge area.

The possibility of a new phase of expansion for our school is a momentous decision for the Executive to consider. Since receiving the request, we have been examining the proposal in detail. We have engaged with the Department to clarify aspects of the proposal and have held a joint meeting with the Board of Management and Educate Together to discuss the operational dimensions of the potential expansion. We now wish to consult the membership of NKETS Ltd. and the wider school community for your views on the proposal.

We invite you to examine the accompanying briefing note, which sets out the rationale and key elements of the proposed expansion, and outlines our interim response to the Department. We welcome any observations or suggestions that you might have on the proposal, and ask you to submit your views to the Executive no later than 2.30pm on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, by one of the following means:

- Email [executive@nkets.ie](mailto:executive@nkets.ie)
- Post to Executive Committee, NKETS Ltd. Clane Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
- Drop your submission into the dedicated post box in the school lobby

Please be assured that all submissions will be considered by the Executive, but it will not be possible for us to respond to each submission on an individual basis.

The proposal as outlined by the Department clearly requires an urgent response, so the Executive is moving as swiftly as possible to arrive at our final decision. We will keep you fully informed on our decision, and will organise an information meeting for the school community at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your support with this important decision-making process.

Yours sincerely,



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Cathal O' Regan  
Chairperson, NKETS Ltd. Executive Committee