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Dear HEdNI

Thank you for your comments in relation to the current consultation on the Education and Library Boards' (ELBs) draft elective home education policy.

The ELBs are consulting on a common process through which they can effectively discharge the responsibilities that legislation places upon them in this area in a manner that puts the education and wellbeing of children and young people to the fore.

The consultation process provides an opportunity for views and ideas to be provided to the Boards on how they best strike the balance between ensuring that the rights and needs of children themselves are appropriately protected and facilitating parental preference for home education. It is timely, therefore, for your views to be submitted and the Department will ensure they are passed to the chief executives of the ELBs for their consideration.

The Minister for Education's focus is always on ensuring the needs of children and young people are met and the Minister will want to review the process following consultation and before the draft policy is finalised.

Yours sincerely

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