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Dear Colleague

RE: Learning Through Innovation Project

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on progress relating to the above project. As you will know from the briefing paper sent to all schools on 7 October 2002 we have put in a bid for funding from the DfES to support a project on linking accelerated learning with the creative use of ICT.

Interested colleagues were invited to attend one of two consultation sessions to discuss the proposal that was presented to the DfES. The sessions also provided an opportunity to discuss some of the key issues raised by the DfES and to consult with schools over the possible level of commitment required by participating schools. Our thanks to colleagues who participated in these discussions for their valuable contributions.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the DfES have responded positively to this bid and have indicated their intention to support it. We have been asked to submit a revised project proposal with costings so that a formal agreement can be drawn up with the DfES. The project planning team have submitted the revised proposal and are working with the DfES to address any further issues raised.

The DfES have indicated that there will be funding for the project for next term and therefore the selection process will need to take place in the early part of the term so that training can be planned. The proposed date for the intensive training will be at the end of April next term and this may affect some schools' ability to participate.

Thank you to those colleagues who have already contacted me to indicate their interest in taking part in the project. I would like to ask any interested colleagues who have not yet put their school name forward to do so as a matter of urgency. It is important that you indicate whether your school would prefer to be a full participant in the pilot project or be involved as a 'buddy' school.

As suggested in the consultation meetings there will be a commitment required from schools and we will be working with possible participants to establish the level of this commitment.

Schools who have indicated their interest in participating in the project will be contacted in the near future about the way forward.

Yours sincerely



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