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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McNeil, Young, Reeves, W Coffey, L MacLean, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, Linton, Walsh, Knapp, F MacLean, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Faulds, Provost Boyd and Councillors Ross and Dinwoodie; Church Representatives: John Paterson, John McHugh and Matthew Sullivan; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative Alasdair MacQueen.

30 January 2001

Dear Member

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2001**

Your are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2001** at **1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE ARMSTRONG

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources  
AMC/SM

**B U S I N E S S**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

1. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS (pages 1-2)** - Submit report dated 29 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services outlining some forthcoming events in the educational calendar.



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9) (pages 3-6)** - Submit joint report dated 25 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

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3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - COMMUNITY EDUCATION STEWARDS - TRADING SERVICES TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9) (pages 7-8)** - Submit joint report dated 26 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Community Education Stewards - Trading Services for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

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4. **GAELIC EDUCATION (pages 9-11)** - Submit report dated 21 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for an approach to the development of Gaelic Education in East Ayrshire.

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5. **ALTERNATIVES TO EXCLUSION UPDATE (pages 12-14)** - Submit report dated 18 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the progress being made in relation to alternatives to exclusion from school.

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6. **EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES (pages 15-17)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the first year's operation of the pilot Educational Maintenance Allowance Scheme in East Ayrshire.

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7. **DESTINATIONS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS (pages 18-20)** - Submit report dated 8 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services describing the recent trends in the destinations of school leavers.

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8. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS, GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1998 (pages 21-22)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of additional funds allocated from the Scottish Executive for improvements to schools and outlining the action planned by the Department.

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9. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT 1999/2000 AND PART YEAR 2000/2001 (pages 23-26)** - Submit report dated 17 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of absence rates for Education employees within the Department of Educational and Social Services in the financial year 1999/2000 and in the two quarters to date in 2000/2001.

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10. **RESERVATION OF PLACES AT FENWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND STEWARTON ACADEMY - AMENDMENTS TO PLACING REQUEST LEGISLATION (pages 27-28)** - Submit report dated 29 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising with regard to the reservation of places for pupils at Stewarton Academy in 2001/2002.

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11. **THE IMAGE OF MANUFACTURING - AN EDUCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PILOT PROJECT (pages 29-31)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the involvement of East Ayrshire in a feasibility study and pilot project designed to raise the profile and restore the public image of manufacturing industries as a suitable career choice for young people.





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12. **ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE OF SCHOOL PUPILS 1997/1998 TO 1999/2000 (pages 32-37)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the main contents of the Scottish Executive report "Attendance and Absence in Scottish Schools 1997/1998 to 1999/2000".

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13. **MANAGING WITH INFORMATION (pages 38-41)** - Submit report dated 18 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the implications for schools in East Ayrshire arising from the publication by the Scottish Executive of a report on Making More Effective Use of ICT in Management and Administration.

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14. **PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003 (pages 42-46)** - Submit report dated 22 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to consult with educational establishments, school boards, the Chambers of Commerce and the JCC on the proposals.  

15. **NATIONAL PRIORITIES IN EDUCATION (pages 47-50)** - Submit report dated 21 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the use of National Priorities in Education to guide establishment-based and service planning.  

16. **SUPPORTING BEHAVIOUR INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS (pages 51-53)** - Submit report dated 21 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for developments within the Department's strategy for supporting schools with behaviour management.  

17. **AWARDING OF TENDERS (pages 54-58)** - Submit report dated 23 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing, for information, details of tenders which have been awarded. The amounts shown are the actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.  


18. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that the Committee pass the following resolution:- “That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of the Act”.
19. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ON-SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9) (pages 59-62)** - Submit joint report dated 22 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the On-site Services Business Unit for the period ended 15 December 2000 (Period 9). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
20. **ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (pages 63-72)** - Submit report dated 23 January 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services submitting the Onsite Services Business Plan for 2001/2002 for the consideration and approval of the Committee. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**