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**To: All Chairs and Principals of Primary Schools and Post-Primary Schools**

Dear Principal

***Post-Primary School Admission Arrangements 2010/11 - Special Provision Assessments***

I would like to draw your attention to changes in the arrangements for those children who would have been eligible to transfer under special provision.

As required by the Department of Education Circular 2008/16 (Paragraph 7) special provision currently exists for those children who are moving/have recently moved to Northern Ireland. Under the present transfer arrangements either the Primary Schools or Grammar Schools can request that an assessment be undertaken by the relevant Education and Library Board to establish the suitability of such children for Grammar Schools.

As a result of the changes in the procedure for 2010/2011 the Board's Education Psychology Service will no longer provide assessments for Transfer purposes. It will be the responsibility of those schools which will continue to select on the basis of academic ability to indicate how applications for children who previously met the criteria for special provision will be considered. Parents/Guardian(s) who wish their children to be considered under special provision will need to make direct contact with the Grammar School(s) of their choice.

Please note the provision of Education Psychology Assessments will also cease for admissions to Years 9-12.

I hope this clarifies the Board's position. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Transfer Officer.

Yours sincerely

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