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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letters of 25 October and 2 November seeking to identify whether the Welsh Government would support Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in respect of a proposed appeal against the High Court's decision relating to the Council's proposals for schools in the Swansea Valley.

We have considered the judgment and concluded that it is not inconsistent with Welsh Government policy and that intervention by the Welsh Government is unlikely to add anything to the Council's arguments. We weren't therefore proposing to intervene in this case but understand that the Council has now decided not to appeal the judgement.

I understand that you have been in touch with the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme team regarding the capital funding for the project and the process that would need to be followed should you wish to revise the scheme.

As I mentioned this morning, we would be more than happy to meet with you to better understand your plans and next steps.

Yours sincerely

Owain Lloyd

Director of Education and Welsh Language

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