

**Written Response to the LegCo Panel on Education  
on an issue raised at the meeting on 19 February 2001**

**Introduction**

At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Education on 19 February 2001 when “School-based Management” was discussed, a deputation asked whether the Education Department would terminate the appointment of parent and teacher managers when it took over a school from the school sponsoring body (SSB) concerned for poor governance.

**Response**

2. Under the school governance framework proposed by the Advisory Committee on School-based Management, all important decisions of a school are made by the school management committee (SMC) collectively. Hence, all managers are accountable for the school’s performance. In the event that the Director of Education takes over a school from a SSB due to poor performance of the school, therefore, our current thinking is that the SMC will be dissolved and the appointment of all managers, including parent and teacher managers, terminated.

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