

香港特殊學校宿舍員工協會
HONG KONG SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARDING CARE STAFF ASSOCIATION

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有關：特殊學校住宿服務 ----
要求調查教育統籌局未有按香港教育資助則例資助特殊學校宿舍服務事宜

香港特殊學校宿舍員工協會成立於 1997 年，為一政府註冊團體，旨在關注本港特殊學校宿舍服務的發展與及維護特校宿舍員工之權益。

本會近日得聞教育統籌局（下稱“教統局”）在資助特殊學校宿舍服務方面，出現一些有違香港教育資助則例所訂定的資助方法，因而引起特殊學校宿舍服務界的關注與不安。今特函希望立法會向教統局就有關事件作出調查。

1. 教統局以整筆撥款方式（Block Grant）取代現行教育資助則例模式，給予雅麗珊郡主紅十字會學校宿舍 10 個政府允許提供新增資助的宿額。該校校長表示此安排會導至其校宿生面臨潛在的安全危機（詳情請見附件）。

本會就上述事件有以下的表達與回應：

- a. 教統局破壞現行教育資助制度，有法不依，製造混亂
教育資助則例乃政府一份說明如何處理資助與教育事業有關的指引和規章。惟教統局在近日處理特殊學校宿舍資助問題上，有法不依，製造混亂。這實在帶來業界及社會人士的疑惑與不安。
- b. 導至宿生的安全加增潛在危機，帶來服務質素的倒退
正如附件中，雅麗珊郡主紅十字會學校校長表示，教統局不依循教育資助則例撥款導至宿生的安全加增潛在危機。我們亦相信，在整筆撥款（Block Grant）方式的資助下，資助總額較以往緊絀。這無疑令宿生在基本照顧甚或在宿舍進行教育延續的工作上，均直接受到這些「人為的」和「違規的」資源收縮影响下而大打折扣，帶來特殊學校宿舍服務質素的大倒退。

基於這些因素，本會有以下素求：

- i) 懇請今次立法會聯席會議成立工作小組調查及跟進上述事件。如為屬實，敬請作出行動，撥亂反正，還特殊學校宿生合理水平的住宿服務。

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- ii) 本會期盼日後立法會舉行有關特殊學校宿舍服務議題的會議時，本會可被通知及或出席有關會議。藉此一同為本港特殊學校宿舍服務的發展共同努力，提供前線同業對有關服務上的意見。

本函得經立法會議員李華明太平紳士轉達 貴會，本會謹此致謝！如有任何查詢，歡迎致電 90576319 與本人聯絡。

此致

立法會教育事務委員會及立法會福利服務委員會聯席會議(10/1/2005)主席暨各位議員



香港特殊學校宿舍員工協會
蔡家裕主席謹上
二零零五年一月八日



副本送：李華明議員
張文光議員
張超雄議員
余若薇議員
香港教育專業人員協會
香港社會工作者總工會

**Notes of Meeting with
Special Schools with Boarding Sections**

Date : 20 December 2004 (Monday)

Time : 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Room 102, Special Education Resource Centre, Perth Street Special Education Services Centre

Attendance : Ms Jane CHEUNG	Education and Manpower Bureau (Convenor)
Ms Kitty HO	Education and Manpower Bureau
Ms Alicia SHUM	Education and Manpower Bureau
Ms Maria WONG	John F Kennedy Centre
Ms Rita MANSUKHANI	Princess Alexandra Red Cross Residential School
Ms WONG Fung-ying	TWGHs Tsui Tsin Tong School
Ms CHEUNG Ka-ling	TWGHs Kwan Fong Kai Chi School
Ms Choi Lui-yin	MHAHK – Pak Tin Children's Centre
Mr LEE Yiu-kwong	Hong Chi Morningjoy School, Yuen Long
Mr LAM Zue-yuen	Hong Chi Pinehill No. 2 School
Ms LO Yuen-ching	Hong Chi Pinehill No. 3 School
Mr LAW Kai-hong	Haven of Hope Sunnyside School
Mr LAM Chin-kwong	Chi Yun School
Ms LAI Mi-har	Chun Jok School
Mr WONG Kwok-kau	PLK Law's Foundation School
Ms LAI Kit-fong	Caritas Lok Yi School
Ms LAM Siu-ling	PLK Yu Lee Mo Fan Memorial School
Ms CHAN Dik-yiu	Caritas Lok Jun School
Ms SHUM Siu-fong	PLK Mr & Mrs Chan Pak Keung Tsing Yi School
Ms CHEUNG Yuet-mei	Ebenezer Training Centre

The salient points of the discussion were summarized as follows:

1. Referral procedures for existing students to apply for residential services of special schools

- (a) It was clarified that all applications for residential services of special schools (including those existing students changing from day to boarding status or 5-day boarding to 7-day one) should seek prior approval from the EMB.
- (b) The standard referral form designed for use by all special schools (including applicants from special schools without boarding sections) was discussed and revised at Appendix I.
- (c) The admission criteria of residential services in special schools were slightly revised at Appendix II for distribution to all special schools for information.
- (d) For very urgent cases requiring urgent placement, it was agreed that school might, in consultation with the EMB, arrange for immediate admission while processing the application.
- (e) Subject to no further comments on the referral form, special schools without boarding sections would be consulted on the revised referral procedures for implementation scheduled for February 2005.
2. Schools expressed that the need for residential services varied among different SEN children and review on the provision ratio, admission criteria and provisions etc was necessary.
- 3. Mrs MANSUKHANI reflected that a block grant was given instead of sufficient provision as stipulated in the Code of Aid for Special Schools on the expansion of her school's boarding capacity from 80 to 90 might pose potential risk to the safety of boarders.
4. Under existing practice, schools might provide temporary residential services for their own students provided that it was absolutely necessary and it would not incur additional funds from the government. (Post-meeting note: It was clarified with SAS Team 3 that schools need not report these cases to the EMB, including the quarterly return to SESP Section and the claim form for fee remission to SAS Team 3.)
5. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.