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Dear Miss Leung,

Panel on Education
Follow-up to Meeting on 12 June 2006

I refer to the request for information on the operation of floating classes in secondary schools during the discussion of agenda item IV on 'Restructuring of classes under the new academic structure for senior secondary education' of the captioned meeting.

Existing policy is to abolish floating class arrangement at Secondary 1 to 5 levels in public sector schools. In the 2006/07 school year, there is no such floating class. However, Members may wish to note that with increased funding flexibility, schools are free to arrange various groupings of students for different learning activities, making the best use of the school accommodation to maximize the learning outcome. This is the situation at Secondary 6 and 7 levels, where small group teaching is carried out in special rooms, and should be encouraged.

This Bureau will continue to work with individual schools to arrange for necessary room conversion or extension for implementation of the new senior secondary academic structure.

Yours sincerely,

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for Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower