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Chairman, Panel on Education
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road Central
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Dear Mr Tsang,

Panel on Education
Follow-up to meeting on 9 July 2007

I refer to the letter dated 10 July 2007 on the above subject addressed to me and copied to you.

On senior secondary school fees, it is an established policy to recover 18% of the recurrent cost. To achieve this target, we have been adopting a gradual and phased approach to revise the school fees in the past two years. It is also a stated policy that no student would be deprived of education for lack of means. Needy students will be assisted under the Fee Remission Scheme administered by Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA). The proposed increase in school fees for the 2007/08 school year, in the amount of \$350 for Secondary 4 and 5 and \$420 for Secondary 6 and 7, is relatively mild.

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教育統籌局已於二零零七年七月一日重組為教育局。為免浪費，我們繼續使用舊文具，直至存貨用罄為止。
The Education and Manpower Bureau has been re-organised as Education Bureau since 1 July 2007. To minimize waste, we are using our old stationery while stock lasts.

As regards the motion passed on 9 July 2007, I wish to point out that we have, in response to Members' earlier request, completed last year a review on the means test for basically all student financial assistance schemes administered by SFAA, including the Senior Secondary Fee Remission Scheme. Members were informed of the findings of the review in July 2006 via LC Paper No.CB(2)2796/05-06(02). In the 2006/07 school year, some 48% of the students in senior secondary forms meet the income eligibility criteria and are receiving fee remission assistance. As the review has recently been completed, we have no plan to carry out another review in the near future and will proceed with the fees revision for senior secondary classes as proposed in LC Paper No. CB(2)2357/06-07(01).

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education

c.c. Clerk to Panel for Education