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Dear Miss Leung,

Panel on Education
List of follow-up actions

At the meeting on 10 November 2008, Members requested information on projected primary and secondary student population by districts in the next six years under the agenda item of "Closure of secondary schools as a result of class restructuring under the new senior secondary academic structure".

The projection on school-age population of secondary and primary student population for the coming six school years from the 2009/10 to 2014/15 school years are at Tables 1 and 2 respectively of the Annex. As the planning of public sector secondary school places is on a territory-wide basis, we can only provide territory-wide projected secondary student population. For the planning of public sector primary school places that is on a district basis, we can provide district-based projected primary student population. Please note that since figures provided refer to the projected number of children in respective age groups (those aged 12 to 17 belong to the group of secondary students; those aged 6 to 11 belong to the group of primary students), irrespective of whether they are enrolled in schools or not, the projected figures should not be taken as the projected number of students. Besides, in view that students under or over the above-mentioned respective age groups can enroll in secondary/primary schools, the actual number of students could be different from the projected school-age population.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Michelle WONG)

for Permanent Secretary for Education

Table 1 : Projected School-age Population Aged 12 – 17, 2009/10 – 2014/15

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Overall Hong Kong (All Districts)	485 300	471 300	452 000	432 500	412 600	388 800

- Notes :
- (1) Population belonging to age group 12-17 is considered appropriate for secondary level of education under the "3+3" academic structure. The first cohort of students who will be subject to the "3+3" academic structure had been enrolled in S1 in the 2006/07 school year.
 - (2) Figures refer to the projected number of children aged 12-17, irrespective of whether they are enrolled in schools or not. The projected figures should not be taken as the projected number of students. Besides, students at secondary level could be under the age of 12 or over the age of 17. Hence, the actual number of students could be different from the projected school-age population.
 - (3) The projections on school-age population are compiled based on the 2006-based population projections released by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in July 2007. The latter set of projections has taken into account a number of factors and assumptions. Amongst those assumptions, the effect of those related to new arrival children from the Mainland and babies born in Hong Kong to Mainland women on the projections is particularly important. This is because the actual numbers of such children/babies who would arrive or settle in Hong Kong are difficult to predict. Any deviations of the assumptions from the actual situation may render the projected figures different from the actual figures.
 - (4) Figures refer to the position as at September of the respective school years. They include estimates on cross-boundary students but exclude mobile residents.
 - (5) Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred and may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.

Table 2 : Projected School-age Population Aged 6 - 11 by District, 2009/10 - 2014/15

District	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Central and Western	12 400	12 300	12 400	13 100	13 500	14 300
Wan Chai	6 500	6 200	6 600	7 400	7 800	8 300
Eastern	25 900	24 500	24 000	24 600	25 400	26 300
Southern	13 400	12 600	12 300	12 400	12 200	12 200
Yau Tsim Mong	15 000	15 000	15 500	16 800	18 200	19 500
Sham Shui Po	18 000	18 000	18 400	20 000	21 700	23 400
Kowloon City	18 100	18 000	17 800	18 800	20 900	22 200
Wong Tai Sin	18 300	17 500	16 700	16 100	16 100	16 300
Kwun Tong	31 100	30 500	30 400	30 200	30 800	31 800
Sai Kung	23 100	22 300	22 700	23 400	23 900	25 000
Sha Tin	29 000	27 800	27 800	28 100	28 800	30 400
Tai Po	13 400	12 700	12 200	12 400	12 900	13 500
North	18 900	18 400	18 400	18 600	18 800	18 900
Yuen Long	36 000	34 400	33 300	32 500	32 100	33 200
Tuen Mun	23 700	21 900	20 600	20 200	20 600	21 900
Tsuen Wan	16 100	16 000	16 400	17 100	17 400	17 700
Kwai Tsing	23 900	22 500	21 800	21 600	21 900	22 400
Islands	9 900	9 900	9 700	9 600	9 400	9 600
All Districts	352 700	340 600	337 100	342 700	352 400	366 900

Notes : (1) Figures refer to the projected number of children aged 6-11 residing in the districts concerned. The projected figures should not be taken as the projected number of students attending schools in the districts concerned. The latter would be affected by the prevailing distribution of school places, demand for school places and parental choices. Besides, students at primary level could be under the age of 6 or over the age of 11. Hence, the actual number of students at territorial-wide level and those broken down by district could be different from the projected school-age population.

(2) The projections on school-age population are compiled based on the 2006-based population projections released by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in July 2007 and the district population projections released by the interdepartmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections (WGPD) in December 2007. The latter two sets of projections have taken into account a number of factors and assumptions. Amongst those assumptions, the effect of those related to new arrival children from the Mainland and babies born in Hong Kong to Mainland women on the projections is particularly important. This is because the actual numbers of such children/babies who would arrive or settle in Hong Kong are difficult to predict. Any deviations of the assumptions from the actual situation may render the projected figures different from the actual figures. Furthermore, district population projections would be affected by changes of housing development plans and thus may be different from the actual figures.

(3) Figures refer to the position as at September of the respective school years. They include estimates on cross-boundary students but exclude mobile residents.

(4) Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred and may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.