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Legislative Council Panel on Education
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Angel WONG)

Dear Ms WONG,

Legislative Council Panel on Education
Follow-up to meeting on 2 July 2021

In response to the written request of the Panel on Education dated 5 July 2021, which sought information from the Secretary for Education on the agenda items “School Arrangements for COVID-19 Vaccination” and “Learning Arrangements for Cross-boundary Students amid the Epidemic” of the Panel meeting held on 2 July 2021, supplementary information is furnished at Annex.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verena Lau'.

(Dr Verena LAU)
for Secretary for Education

**Supplementary Information provided by the Education Bureau
as Follow-up to the Meeting of the Panel on Education held on 2 July 2021**

School Arrangements for COVID-19 Vaccination

(a)

In early September this year, the Education Bureau (EDB) collected vaccination data of teachers, school staff and students from schools in Hong Kong. According to the information collected from around 2 000 schools (including kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools), the overall vaccination rate (including those having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine or having received/having made an appointment to receive the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine) for teachers and school staff was around 92%.

Learning Arrangements for Cross-boundary Students amid the Epidemic

(b) and (c)

The EDB has all along been maintaining collaboration with schools and helping them provide timely and appropriate emotional support for students in need (including cross-boundary students (CBS)) through multiple modes, such as producing psychoeducational videos, providing information on mental health, and organising talks and workshops. During the time when CBS are unable to attend classes in Hong Kong, the EDB encourages schools to keep in contact with and show care and concern to students through telephone and electronic communication, and strengthen communication with parents and jointly observe and pay attention to the behavioural performance of students. If students are noticed to exhibit persistent or severe emotional distress, teachers should make early referral to student guidance personnel, school social workers, school-based educational psychologists, other professionals or organisations for appropriate support. The EDB does not collect statistics of CBS seeking help for emotional support.

To strengthen the learning and emotional support for CBS, the EDB has commissioned a service provider to deliver two programmes, namely “Psychosocial Support” and “Learning Support”, in Luohu, Futian and Nanshan districts of Shenzhen from May to July 2021 for primary and secondary CBS residing in Shenzhen. The two programmes were conducted through face-to-face sessions in small groups. A total of 110 sessions were organised to render learning and emotional support to CBS beyond learning at home. Participating students came from 128 primary and secondary schools that are located in the North, Tai Po, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, Tung Chung and Wong Tai Sin districts.

On top of the above, the EDB has separately commissioned service providers to operate general service points in Shenzhen starting July 2021, with a view to providing CBS studying in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, and their parents with useful information and various support services, including online learning support, borrowing of books and learning resources, and hiring of recreation items and facilities. Diversified interest groups, networking activities and sharing sessions have also been organised to facilitate their communication with one another. The general service points target to serve the 25 000 CBS residing in Luohu, Futian and Nanshan districts.