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Dear Mr Chui

The Director of Audit's Report on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Report No.39) Chapter 11: Primary Education – Delivery of Effective Primary Education

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 2003 on the caption.

At present, every school is provided with resources for remedial teaching service. In addition, we provide extra support for primary students with learning difficulties in the form of school-based Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme (IRTP) and centre-based remedial teaching service at Resource Teaching Centres (RTC) operated by the Education and Manpower Bureau. Schools with eight or more students with learning difficulties are eligible for the provision of IRTP. For schools not operating IRTP, such students can receive remedial teaching service at RTC. However, with the introduction of whole-day primary schooling, students often find it inconvenient to attend RTC after school. Some decline the service due to transport or escort problems. These students have to rely on family support and the basic remedial teaching service in school.

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To ensure more cost-effective use of resources to provide timely support to students in need, we are currently reviewing the mode of remedial support services for students with learning difficulties in primary schools. The aim is to adopt a whole school approach to providing learning support to all students. This would remove the division of labour which exists between IRTP teachers and the rest of the teaching staff, and help to promote better collaboration and a more holistic approach to meeting students' needs.

Yours sincerely

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