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Ms Angel WONG  
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Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Ms WONG,

**Panel on Education**  
**Follow-up to the Meeting on 2 March 2018**

Arising from the discussion on the item “Community Care Fund Assistance Programme – Provision of subsidy to needy primary and secondary students for purchasing mobile computer devices to facilitate the practice of e-learning” at the meeting of the Panel on Education on 2 March 2018, a Member enquired about the respective numbers of technical support personnel employed and technical support staff hired from service providers by each school upon receipt of the Information Technology Staffing Support Grant (ITSS Grant).

To cope with the needs of schools, starting from the 2017/18 school year, the Education Bureau (EDB) has been providing an additional recurrent ITSS Grant to all public sector primary and secondary schools for strengthening the IT staffing support to practise e-learning and take forward various education initiatives which will harness IT. The funding amount for the 2018/19 school year is \$25,600 per month, i.e. \$307,200 per year for each school. The grant will be adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of Composite Consumer

Price Index. Under the principle of school-based management, schools can flexibly deploy the ITSS Grant to meet their operational needs for IT in education, including employing their own staff or appointing IT companies to provide agency worker(s) to render the required technical support services. Schools are not required to report to EDB on how they have used the grant.

As revealed from the findings of a survey conducted in the 2017/18 school year, 99.2% of schools have made use of the ITSS Grant to strengthen IT staffing support while the remaining schools will deploy the grant for the above purpose in this school year.

Yours sincerely,

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(Ms Jenny CHAN)  
for Secretary for Education