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Clerk to 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 Supplementary Information on Student Guidance Service in Primary Schools

In response to Hon IP Kin-yuen's and Hon HO Kai-ming's email and letter dated 9 May 2018 to the Legislative Council Panel on Education requesting the Education Bureau (EDB) to provide information about Student Guidance Teachers (SGT) in primary schools, the information is provided as follows:

To apply for the SGT post, applicants should have received teacher training in primary education and possessed no less than five years' experience of serving in government/aided primary school(s), with at least two years as SGT. Also, they should have completed the necessary training, including the Pre-service Training Course for SGTs conducted by the former Education Department/former Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB), the Certificate Course on Student Guidance for Teachers of Primary Schools commissioned by the former EMB/the EDB to tertiary institutions, or its equivalent. In addition, teachers who have completed a social work or counselling related training course offered by tertiary institutions covering

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the following six areas, including counselling skills and practice, case management, personal growth education, catering for student diversity, comprehensive student guidance service and small group interaction, may be considered as fulfilling the training requirements as SGTs in primary schools. As regards information on social work or counselling related training courses provided by individual tertiary institutions, the EDB has no such information and thus cannot provide the information requested.

In the past, upon the resignation or retirement of an SGT employed by schools or school sponsoring bodies, schools might consider either recruiting an SGT to fill the vacancy or replacing the SGT post by the Student Guidance Service Grant. If schools decided to recruit an SGT to fill the vacancy, they had to apply to the EDB. From the 2003/04 to 2017/18 school years, we have received 45 applications of this kind, among which 37 were approved and 8 were rejected owing to failure to provide complete academic qualification information, attain the required years of service or hold the required academic qualification.

For enquiries regarding our response, please contact Ms Kitty HO on 2863 4681.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education