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Dear Jane Owens

Financial Notice to Improve

On 10 July 2017, I wrote to your predecessor in their capacity as the Chair of Trustees at The De La Salle Academy Trust to serve notice that The De La Salle Academy Trust (‘the Trust’) was required to improve the financial management, control and governance at the Trust.

This was as a consequence of the Trust’s failure to balance its budget and the requirement for further financial support from the ESFA. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtl) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the Trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

We have closely monitored the Trust’s progress against the conditions set out in the notice, which included repayment of the advance of funds by May 2019; providing a detailed recovery plan and monthly management accounts; monitoring pupil numbers; and managing the budget without the need for further financial assistance. I am pleased to inform you that I am satisfied that the FNtl conditions have been met. As a result, the FNtl will be lifted with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.uk website. I am copying this letter to David Hayes, Accounting Officer of the Trust and Vicky Beer, Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire.

It is important that the Trust continues to exercise strong financial management and oversight. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the Trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Pettifer', written in a cursive style.

Mike Pettifer
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate