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Dear Ms Maguire

I refer again to your letter in relation to the School Support Programme at Jobstown Community College.

My Department has provided funds for over thirty projects in Local Drugs Task Force areas, including the School Support Programme at Jobstown Community College. The projects have been mainly administered by the three VECs in Dublin City, Dublin County and in Dún Laoghaire.

In the context of the budget for 2010 and the difficult fiscal climate, it was decided that funding for these projects was to be reduced from €3,643,000 in 2009 to €2,461,000 in 2010. While the overall Departmental reduction in the 2010 allocation is 32%, the Department approved a process whereby each of the VECs prioritised funding for individual projects within the allocation provided. In that context, I understand that the School Support Programme in Jobstown Community College has ceased operation at the end of the 2009/10 school year.

Jobstown Community College is, however, included in Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS), the Department's action plan for educational inclusion which provides for a standardised system for identifying levels of disadvantage.

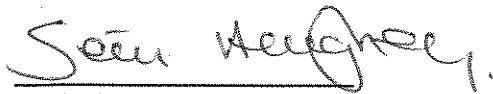
Participation in DEIS includes access to the School Completion Programme (SCP). Over €327,000 has been allocated in 2009 to the SCP project which includes Jobstown Community College and the two local primary schools.

Other DEIS supports for schools include: -

- additional capitation funding based on levels of disadvantage
- additional funding for school books
- access to the School Meals Programme
- access to Home School Community Liaison with one Full time HSCL Coordinator appointed to Jobstown Community College

- enhanced guidance counselling provision
- provision for a school library and librarian support in post primary schools with most disadvantage - this has been provided in Jobstown Community College
- access to the Junior Certificate School Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied
- access to a range of professional development supports.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán Haughey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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