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Dear Angela

### **Inquiry into Teachers' Professional Learning and Education**

As you will be aware, the National Assembly for Wales' Children, Young People and Education Committee is undertaking an inquiry on teachers' professional learning and education. Thank you for your response to the Committee's earlier consultation on this inquiry.

The inquiry was looking, in particular, at the readiness of the workforce to implement the new curriculum, and the Committee has taken evidence relating to:

- Arrangements for continuing professional development for the current workforce;
- The role of initial teacher education;
- The sufficiency of the future workforce.

In June 2017, the Cabinet Secretary for Education published the [summary of the consultation](#) undertaken by Welsh Government on the professional standards. The Committee has considered this, and has agreed to look more specifically at the new professional standards as part of the inquiry.



As part of this, Professor Mick Waters, who worked with the Welsh Government on the professional standards, has been invited to attend Committee on 20 September. The Committee will also be hearing from the four Regional Consortia on that date. Ahead of these sessions, the Committee would also be interested in hearing your views on the new professional standards and what impact they are likely to have on the sector. In particular, we are seeking your views on:

- The proposed implementation timescale; will teachers across Wales have the necessary time and resources to be able to genuinely match the descriptors of the new Standards by September 2018?
- Is there, or is there likely to be, enough support and training available to help teachers transition to the new standards?
- Whether you envision any additional resource pressures on your work as a result of the new standards?

I would be grateful for a response by 8 September, so that this can be fed into the Committee's considerations. I apologise that this letter is being sent so close to / over the school holidays, we appreciate that this is not ideal. The Committee's timetable is extremely busy following the summer recess, and this was the only time the Committee could schedule in this important piece of work.

If you have any queries, please contact Gareth Rogers, Committee Clerk on 0300 200 6357.

Yours faithfully



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