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Dear colleagues,

I hope that you have had good start to the spring term.

The council continues to work alongside its schools and headteacher strategy groups to address the key priorities in standards and children's services.

Between 2010 and 2016 Ealing has offered a range of school improvement and other services to schools which have been successful in supporting schools to achieve the very best for their learners. However, in a changing landscape we have been working on a new model to support schools beyond 207/18 that retains the best of what schools currently value and will develop to reflect the financial and policy environment schools increasingly will face.

From meeting with headteachers, governors and Ealing cabinet members there is now a commitment to work towards establishing a new entity governed by the council and its schools with a working title, "Ealing Learning Partnership." The purpose of the Ealing learning partnership is to strengthen the direct contribution of schools to system-wide improvements in educational achievement and to establish a sustainable model. This is an exciting venture and one which we will continue to consult with you on over the coming year.

In the meantime may I congratulate you all on your achievements. I am delighted that our secondary schools are ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of 152 local authorities for the new Progress 8 score and that we are doing so well for pupils of all backgrounds. I recognise the challenge of the new primary assessments and I am pleased to see the collaborative focus on improving reading this year.

It is a tremendous achievement that 97% of our pupils are in good and outstanding schools and you should be extremely proud of the work you do on behalf of children and young people in Ealing.

Once again, my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your hard work, dedication and commitment. I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2017.

Yours faithfully

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