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To all Hedteachers of Gwynedd Schools

Dear All

Re: Drop in sessions – Gwynedd Principles

Gwynedd Council's objective is that all the county's schools equip children and young people to achieve the highest possible standards. The Council is also committed to finding creative ways of safeguarding education in rural communities.

Whilst the quality of education in Gwynedd schools is currently very good, headteachers and independent educational specialists have identified the need to develop new and innovative ways of working to ensure that this success continues. They have clearly stated that there is a significant risk to educational standards in Gwynedd schools over the coming years unless some changes are made to the current model.

Over the past year, we have held discussions with Gwynedd headteachers and have listened carefully to them. These discussions have been extremely productive and have provided a basis for setting out new initial principles to protect educational standards and for moving towards the goal of ensuring that all children in the county receive an excellent education that will enable them to live and to thrive locally.

Gwynedd Council is eager to develop principles in collaboration with the profession, governors and parents so we can move forward together. As a result, a series of drop-in sessions will be held across Gwynedd during the next few weeks for school governors, parents and the wider community to be a part of the process of developing new educational principles for Gwynedd's schools:

Date	Time	Location
07/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Plas Ffrancon Leisure Centre, Bethesda
09/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Capel Berea Newydd, Bangor
14/11/2016	4pm – 7pm	Ysgol Brynrefail, Llanrug
16/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, Pen-y-groes
18/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Arfon Leisure Centre, Caernarfon
21/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Penllyn Leisure Centre, Y Bala
23/11/2016	3pm – 6pm	Bro Ffestiniog Leisure Centre, Blaenau

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<i>28/11/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Glaslyn Leisure Centre, Porthmadog</i>
<i>30/11/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Ysgol Ardudwy, Harlech</i>
<i>05/12/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Glan Wnion Leisure Centre, Dolgellau</i>
<i>06/12/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Ysgol Glan y Môr, Pwllheli</i>
<i>7/12/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Bro Dysynni Leisure Centre, Tywyn</i>
<i>14/12/2016</i>	<i>3pm – 6pm</i>	<i>Canolfan Fenter Congl Meinciau, Botwnnog</i>

The public consultation period will continue until the spring term of 2017 and will then help to form the basis of the new vision for the education system in Gwynedd.

Yours faithfully

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