



for schools and academies



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Dear Local Authority

Improving Underperforming Schools

The Secretary of State's recent letter to Local Authorities calls for "plans for improving performance in all schools," and asks that submissions be sent to the Department by 15th April. This is where we can help you.

Raising Floor Standards plus Continuous Professional Development

The Hanover Partnership for Schools and Academies model for improving schools is a result of years of experience. With our developed model we address two, much publicised, current issues. We have data proving we can raise floor standards, and we also have CPD time built into our curriculum - both for staff and for young people. In this way we equip school leavers not only to be academically successful, but also socially developed and fit for employment.

New Academy Sponsorship

Hanover Partnership for Schools and Academies is interested to sponsor schools, and groups of schools, suitable for academy conversion in categories referenced in Michael Gove's letter. We are also interested in partnering with schools outside that category.

Inclusive Scaled Grouping

We were among the first to look at scaled school groupings using a pyramid academy trust model, including secondary schools, their primary school feeders and special schools. Rather than single out under or well-performing schools, our approach is to incorporate a group that reflects the surrounding community. Most important, we want to work direct with Local Authorities, as part of a managed process, incorporating plans for school improvement partnerships and the other support services for schools and the communities they serve.

Yours sincerely

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