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The Board of Directors
Academies Transformation Trust

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Dear Directors

Warning Notice Letter to the Board of Directors of the Academies Transformation Trust in respect of Diamond Academy

Under Article 59 of the Articles of Association, the Secretary of State is able to issue a Warning Notice to the Directors of the Academy Trust if she is satisfied that the standards of performance of pupils is unacceptably low at any of the academies.

The purpose of this warning notice is to inform you, as the Directors of the Academy Trust, that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the standards of performance of pupils at Diamond Academy are unacceptably low. Unless the Directors take the actions listed below, the Secretary of State may appoint Additional Directors as she sees fit. The matters on which our conclusions are based are on the provisional data for 2015 that you shared with us. This data shows that:

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The trust has sponsored Diamond Academy since 2012. During that time the academy has not been above the minimum floor standard that all schools are expected to attain.

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Terms of the warning notice

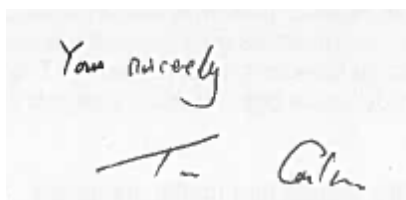
Pursuant to Article 59, the actions which we require the Trust to take, in relation to the Academy, to remedy the matters and to rapidly raise standards are:

- Provide evidence of the steps taken to ensure the validity of school progress data tracking for each year group and class.
- Take steps to further improve the accuracy of assessments contributing to KS2 predictions.
- Provide a clear support plan for leadership which offers guidance, reflection and best practice experiences.
- Ensure work sampling is wide enough to represent the range of key groups.
- Review and adapt on going preparation strategies for mental maths to increase the confidence of all pupils.

Pursuant to Article 59, the Trust must have implemented the necessary strategies to my satisfaction by 6 November 2015. My representatives will assess the implementation of these strategies and the impact and likely impact of these after this time.

Should the Trust fail to comply, or secure compliance, with this warning notice to my satisfaction within the compliance period (by 6 November 2015), the Secretary of State shall consider exercising her powers under Article 61 to appoint such Additional Directors (as defined in the Articles) to the Trust as she thinks fits.

I am of course happy to discuss these matters with you.

A photograph of a handwritten signature on a light-colored background. The signature is written in cursive and reads "Tim Coulson". Above the signature, the words "Yours sincerely" are written in a similar cursive hand.

Tim Coulson
Regional Schools Commissioner, East of England and North East London