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Mr Andy Farrer
Chair of Governors
Westfield Academy
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Dear Mr Farrer

Financial Notice to Improve

On 21 September 2018, Mike Pettifer wrote to Tim Body in his capacity as Accounting Officer at Westfield Academy to serve notice that Westfield Academy ('the trust') was required to improve the financial management and governance at the trust.

This was a consequence of material breaches of the Academies Financial Handbook and Funding Agreement, as well as serious governance concerns. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

We have closely monitored the trust's progress against the conditions set out in the notice, which included conditions focused on governance and financial management concerns. I am pleased to inform you that I am satisfied that the FNtI conditions have been met. As a result, the FNtI will be lifted with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website. I am copying this letter to Tim Body, Accounting Officer of the trust and Dame Kate Dethridge, Regional Schools Commissioner for North West London and South Central.

It is important that the trust continues to exercise strong governance and financial oversight of the trust. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Sharp', is centered on the page.

Warwick Sharp
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate

cc Tim Body, Accounting Officer, Westfield Academy
Dame Kate Dethridge, Regional Schools Commissioner for North West London and South Central