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Dear Mr Cragg

I am writing following the assessment of Cadbury Sixth Form College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. Serious concerns were identified during a Pilot Diagnostic Assessment in October 2017, and the college was escalated to formal intervention from the Commissioner following the decline in its financial health. I have accepted the Commissioner's recommendations. I am pleased to hear that a Commissioner-led Structure and Prospects Appraisal (SPA) is already underway. Through merger with an appropriate partner, the solution identified will need to address the college's financial and quality issues.

It is important that whilst the SPA is taking place, the college continues to take the actions required to contain its operating losses. I welcome your appointment as the new Chair, and that of the new interim Principal. I am looking to you both to provide the necessary focus on the college's financial position.

I understand a merger partner is expected to be identified soon, with implementation complete by the end of this year. I have asked the Commissioner to keep me updated on progress.

This document and my letter will be published on www.gov.uk. If you have any questions about the Commissioner's assessment, please contact the Commissioner directly at FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk.

I am copying this letter to MPs: Richard Burden; Sajid Javid; Preet Gill; Roger Godsiff; Steve McCabe; and Julian Knight.

Best wishes
Anne Milton

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