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*Dear Mr McVean,*

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I am writing following the assessment of Moulton College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The FEC team visited the college on 27 and 28 June 2019 to undertake a formal intervention triggered by an inadequate Ofsted inspection during May 2019. As this is the college's second consecutive inadequate assessment, I am particularly concerned about the quality of provision at the college. Urgent action is required to address these problems.

It is clear from the Commissioner's report that the college has entirely underestimated the seriousness of its financial weakness and the issues with quality of provision. The college board have neither held managers to account nor taken the necessary actions to address these issues. The Commissioner has recommended that you and the newly appointed principal urgently put in place a deliverable financial recovery plan which includes a curriculum plan, learner numbers, income expenditure together with a cash flow forecast. The plan should be closely monitored by your governors' finance and resources committee. His report also recommends that you should urgently review and address the capacity and capability of the college management team to ensure it can increase the pace of recovery both in quality and financial matters.

Given the significant challenges facing the college, I am placing the college in to Supervised College Status with immediate effect. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will attend all future board meetings and finance and resources committee meetings.

The Commissioner, his team and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will engage regularly with the college to monitor progress.

I have accepted all of the recommendations of the Commissioner and a summary of the initial assessment is provided with this letter. This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk.

Please confirm within three weeks to the FE Commissioner, [FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk](mailto:FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk) what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

I have written separately to all the following local MPs who may have learners attending the college from their constituency to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

Chris Heaton-Harris MP	Daventry
Mark Pawsey MP	Rugby
Jonathan Ashworth MP	Leicester South
Neil O'Brien MP	Harborough
Phillip Hollobone MP	Kettering
Michael Ellis MP	Northampton North
Andrew Lewer MP	Northampton South
Rt Hon Jeremy Wright QC MP	Kenilworth and Southam
Peter Bone MP	Wellingborough
Rt Hon Mark Lancaster MP	Milton Keynes North
Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP	North East Bedfordshire
Tom Pursglove MP	Corby

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'You and me' followed by a stylized flourish.

**THEODORE AGNEW**  
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