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1 November 2019

Dear Tracey

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Directors/Trustees of the Advance Trust (“the Trust”) in respect of Newbridge Short Stay Secondary School (“the academy”)

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010 any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Secretary of State where special measures are required to be taken by the academy or the academy requires significant improvement and the Chief Inspector of Ofsted has given notice of that under section 13(3)(a) of the Education Act 2005.

I received an Ofsted notification following the Inspection on 14-15 May 2019 confirming that Newbridge Short Stay Secondary School was judged to be inadequate and requires significant improvement. This Inadequate judgment follows the previous Inadequate (Special Measures) outcome in March 2017.

The Trust was issued with a ‘minded to terminate’ letter in September 2019 following which you were given an opportunity to provide information to evidence a plan of improvement. My consideration of this matter has taken into account that information, the discussions at your meeting with my regional officials on 22 October 2019 and the consecutive Inadequate Ofsted outcomes. I have concluded that the Trust does not have the capacity to secure rapid and sustainable school improvement at the academy. I am therefore issuing a Termination Warning Notice in respect of Newbridge Short Stay Secondary School.

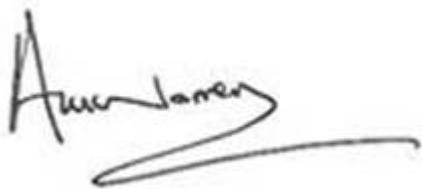
In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any additional written representations you wish to make.

Please provide me with any representations you have by 25 November 2019.

We are copying this letter to Worcestershire County Council, Robin Walker (MP for

Worcester), Ofsted and Dominic Herrington (National Schools Commissioner). This letter will also be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Warren".

Andrew Warren
Regional Schools Commissioner, West Midlands