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As the Director of the Free Schools Group, I am absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that your application to establish Rainbow Primary School in Nottingham has been successful, and that the Secretary of State has decided it should proceed to the next stage of the Free Schools process. This is a significant step on the journey to opening your school, and reflects the confidence we have in your vision.

After careful consideration however, the Secretary of State decided not to approve your applications for Free Schools in Crawley, Leeds and Luton. You will shortly receive a letter from your appointed Department contact which sets out the reasons for this decision and confirms the next steps on the Nottingham project.

I would like to thank you for the great commitment and energy which you and your group have shown in developing your applications and at interview.

I will be informing the local authority about your success and Ministers will inform the relevant MP.

You should already have the Pre-opening Launch Event for Free Schools opening in 2013 (on 20 and 21 July in the BIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET) in your diaries - I know that the New Schools Network asked you to save the date. I very much look forward to meeting you at that event - registration starts at 9.30!

Best Wishes


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