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Dear

I am delighted to tell you that your 6 Free School applications have been successful as the Secretary of State has decided these projects should proceed to the next stage of the Free Schools process. Due to the large number of approvals, we would like you to stagger the openings of these Free Schools. Bolton Free School, Coventry Leadership Academy for Girls and Waltham Forest Leadership Academy for Girls have been approved for a 2014 opening and Preston Free School, Birmingham Free School and Slough Leadership Academy for Girls have been approved for a 2015 opening.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the commitment and energy that you have shown in developing your applications and at interview. I should point out that your approval may be subject to some very precise and strict conditions. Failure to meet these conditions will mean that there will be a very real possibility that your schools do not open.

You will separately receive a letter from the Lead Assessor of your applications which will confirm what happens next and may include conditions as mentioned above. However, there is plenty to do in advance of receiving this letter, so please do not hesitate to begin work.

We will also inform the local authorities and local MPs about your successful applications.

You should already have the Pre-opening Launch Event for Free Schools opening in 2014 (on 5 June in The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE) in your diaries. I very much look forward to seeing you at that event - registration commences at 9.30am.

**MELA WATTS CBE** 

**Director** 

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