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Mr Richard Martin  
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Dear Mr Martin

On 21 July 2017, I wrote to you to serve notice that DRB Ignite Multi Academy Trust ('the trust') was required to improve financial management processes, internal controls and governance following the Education, Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) investigation that took place in February 2017.

The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) required you to address the weaknesses and irregularities found in the Financial Management & Governance Review (FMG) conducted as part of the investigation.

Further to our close monitoring of the trust's progress, I am content that the FNtI conditions have now been met. Furthermore, I am grateful for the assurances provided regarding the improvement of financial management, control and governance at the trust. As a result, I am pleased to inform you that the FNtI will be lifted, with effect from 31 August 2018 with the following conditions:

- the trust moves to the most recent funding agreement (March 2018 v4) which reflects recent legislative changes

This letter will be published on the gov.uk website in due course following on from the publication of the FNtI on 21 July 2017.

It will be important that controls and processes across the trust continue to be embedded and closely monitored.

I would like to thank you for your hard work, dedication and support in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

Mike Pettifer  
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Group