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Academy Transfer of Challenger Multi Academy Trust's Bedford and Central Bedfordshire academies to Chiltern Learning Trust. Namely: Kempston Challenger Academy, Daubeney Academy, Lancot School, and Springfield Primary School

At Challenger Multi Academy Trust's request and following detailed consideration, I have decided in my capacity as the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) for North West London and South-Central, that the above academies should be transferred to another trust. Chiltern Learning Trust has been provisionally identified as the most suitable trust to manage the schools going forward. The reason for this is geographical, contextual and due to Chiltern Learning Trust's performance and capacity.

Your views are an important part of the decision-making process. To ensure this is the best decision for the academies, and before making a final decision we want to gather the views of those associated with the schools' communities. The head teacher board (HTB) provide advice and challenge on transfers. Your views will be considered by the North-west London and south-central HTB meeting on 27th April 2021, and by the RSC thereafter. After which the RSC will make a final decision as to whether Chiltern Learning Trust is the right trust to transfer the academies to.

You can get involved by responding to the following questions via email:

- a. What is your relationship to the [name of] school?
- b. The current proposal is for the Bedford and Central Bedfordshire academies within Challenger Multi Academy Trust to be transferred to Chiltern Learning Trust. What are your views on that option? Do you have any alternative proposals for the future of the school which you think should be considered?
- c. Are there any further comments/suggestions you would like to make regarding the school's future?

Please email your responses to: RSC.SCNWLON@education.gov.uk. The deadline for responses is 6th May 2021.

We will not usually provide individual responses to representations received. Following the HTB discussion and RSC's consideration of representations made up to and including 6th May 2021, a summary of discussion and decision will be published in the HTB minutes at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-west-london-and-south-central-england-headteacher-board>

Yours sincerely,

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