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To all Parent Councils in Scottish Borders

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, since the consultation on 'Transforming Children's Services' began, teachers in Scottish Borders have been trying to work out what the proposals will mean in our schools and classrooms.

Like many of our colleagues you may have been struggling to access the information you need to make an informed response to this extensive programme of change. Perhaps you have been convinced by the positive presentation by SBC officials on some aspects of the project. Sometimes, however, it is difficult for those not fully involved in the day to day running and delivery of a service to visualise how changes are going to impact on that service.

The Executive Committee of the Educational Institute of Scotland has decided to send you some of the responses we have collected from our colleagues. Our aim is to give Parent Councils a flavour of how classroom practitioners and their first line managers in schools are questioning the proposals.

As you would expect, many teachers are very worried about their own personal situation and their career prospects. You will see from their responses that they are even more concerned about the effect the proposed changes will have on the young people in our schools. Large numbers of our teachers are also parents of children who attend schools in the Borders Region.

I am including in this mailing some brief notes on the position that the EIS takes nationally on issues arising out of TCS. Please consider these and the other information in this mailing when you respond collectively and individually to the consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Miller
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