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Dear Minister

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There was great interest in London regarding the policy changes set out in *Raising Our Game*. Because of that interest we consulted widely with colleges in London to better understand their views and the potential impacts of the changes. The intention of this was to begin to manage the implementation and ensure that the changes go smoothly.

I am pleased to be able to report that the colleges were very keen to feedback constructively and have expressed their willingness to contribute in the future to policy discussions at the earliest stage. Attached is a summary of the discussions. You will see that the colleges are taking a pragmatic and positive approach to the changes and will work hard to manage the implementation in partnership with the LSC.

I was sure that you would like to see the outcomes of our discussions and we are working with your DfES Skills for Life team on the issues raised. I know that there is a lot of interest in the media and within the sector about the impact these changes have.

Yours sincerely

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