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Dear Jennette,


Thank you for your letter of 12 March about the London Assembly Panel's findings from your investigation into funding levels and the impact of inequality upon 16 to 19-year-olds in further education (FE) in London. I am very sorry for the delay in responding.

I note that both your investigation and subsequent correspondence pre-date the lockdown imposed following the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The issues that you have raised remain as important as ever, and whilst we continue to monitor the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on schools and colleges, the attached annex will address in turn each of your five recommendations made back in March.

Through the London Recovery Board and the London Recovery Taskforce, we will continue to work with our partners across London to ensure that together we can maintain the correct levels and standards of education and skills training for all young Londoners, whether in schools, sixth forms or colleges, to allow them to progress in their careers.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your recommendations and for the considerable work undertaken by the Education Panel, which has the interests of all young Londoners at its heart.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

Annex.