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Dear Kristin,

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 January 2026 on behalf of the Scottish Assembly of Parents and Carers, I very much appreciate your offer to engage in the additional support for learning review and beyond.

On 15 January I announced that Janie McManus, the former Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland and current professional adviser for education, will head up a review looking at what is needed to strengthen delivery of support for children and young people with additional support needs. The review will focus on the lessons learned from the Morgan Review and ASL Action Plan. The scope of this review will include the national and local system conditions that support ASN delivery, the experiences of delivery in schools and how policy is translating into effective practice. It will use existing evidence sources, and light touch engagement given the feedback from the system about capacity and "review fatigue".

Whilst the review is intended to be based on the significant body of existing evidence, Ms McManus has undertaken some light touch engagement with local government colleagues and with members of the [Additional Support for Learning Project Board](#), I know Connect have representation on that Board. It is my intention that we will report on the review before the end of the current Parliamentary term and I will share any outcomes at a National Engagement Event on 12 March.

I am clear this work will allow us to be in a strong position to shape the next phase of ASL policy, ensuring future developments move swiftly from insight to implementation.

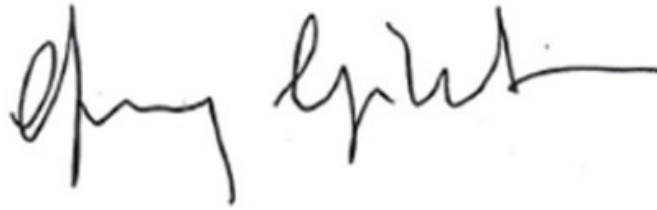
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Yours sincerely,



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