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Ms Amanda Bresnan MLA
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Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs
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Dear Ms Bresnan

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2009 regarding the Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs inquiry into school closures.

I thank you for the invitation to appear before the Committee, however as you know my colleague Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Minister for Education represented the Government at the inquiry.

You asked me whether I wished to respond to evidence provided by Mr Roger Nichol on behalf of the Flynn Primary School Parents and Citizens Association which impugned the integrity of a member of my staff and by implication the Government.

I reject categorically the evidence of Mr Nichol and the Flynn Parents and Citizens Association. I find it unfortunate and regrettable that parliamentary privilege was utilised in this instance to malign a diligent, hardworking and professional member of staff of the Assembly and to assert that the Government, most particularly myself and my ministerial colleagues made decisions on inappropriate personal or irrelevant considerations. As you would understand such a claim is highly offensive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Minister

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