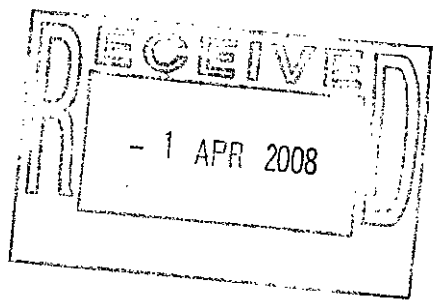




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31st March 2008

Dear Mrs Lloyd,

Re: Ysgol Gartholwg

I have been asked to pass on correspondence to you from the staff and parents of Ysgol Gartholwg whose petition you are considering.

Yours Sincerely,

Leanne Wood AM / AC

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20.3.08

Annwyl gyfeillion

Anfonaf y papurau yma a dderbyniais gan Pens atoch chi, rhag ofn nad oedd modd wedi bod i chi eu gweld eto. Mae'r ymateb yn siomedig ar y naw. Mae paragraff olaf llythyr Jane Hutt yn chwerthynllyd o anghywir ac arwynebol, fel y gwyddom. Rydw i wedi anfon ebost Bethan, i weld beth fyddai ei ymateb hi. Gobeithio bod rhyw ffordd ymlaen o hyd.

Dear friends,

Please find enclosed a letter from a Tom Williams to say the next hearing is on April 10.

Jane Hutt's letter I so disappointing. Where does it leave us?.

I've emailed Bethan Jenkins to see what her reponse might be.

We'll have to keep close touch in that week leading up to the 10th.

Best wishes,

Phil

Dear members of the Petitions Committee
May I through Bethan and Lesae
forward this correspondence to you.
I know there are so many pressing matters
for you to deal with, but we look to
you again for fairness and 'natural
justice' to override this latest - and
strangest - response from the Assembly

Many thanks

Phil Ellis 20.3.08

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

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10 Mawrth 2008

Annwyl Mr Penny-Jones

DĒISEB: DILEU ENW YSGOL GYFUN RHYDFELEN

Yn bellach i lythyr diweddara fyn cydweithiwr Alun Davidson ar y 31 Ionawr 2008, dwi'n ysgrifennu atoch i gyfarwyddo bod ni wedi derbyn ymateb gen y Gweinidog dros Blant, Addysg, Dysgu Gydol Oes a Sgiliau ynglŷn â'r diwygiad o'r is-deddfwriaethau persnasol. Fe gewch yn Amgaaedig y llythyr yma.

Oherwydd yr ymateb yma, bydd y Pwyllgor yn ystyried y ddeiseb yn bellach yn ei chyfarfod nesa sydd ar hyn o bryd yn rhestredig i ddigwydd ar 10 Ebrill 2008. Byddaf yn cysylltu â chi eto ar ôl y cyfarfod i'ch hysbysu o ganlyniad trafodaethau'r pwyllgor.

Os bydd gennych unrhyw gwestiynau yn y cyfamser, gallwch gysylltu â mi ar y rhifau neu'r cyfeiriad e-bost isod.

Yn gywir,

Tom Williams
Swyddog Cymorth y Pwyllgor

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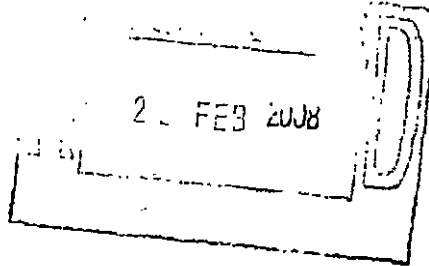
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27 February 2008

Dear Val,

PETITION – YSGOL GYFUN GARTH OLWG

Thank you for your letter of 31 January 2008 regarding a second petition that has been submitted to the Petitions Committee about Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg. You have also sent me a copy of a letter your Committee has received from Lord Gwilym Prys-Davies and asked for my comments.

I note from your letter that your committee members are aware of the situation involving the naming of Ysgol Gyfun Gartholwg, formerly known as Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen, as the matter was considered and debated at its meeting on 6 December 2007. Your Committee's conclusion at that time was that under current legislation in the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005, the power to determine the name of a school, in the event of a dispute between the school and the maintaining LEA, rests with the LEA. However, your Committee also took the decision not to formerly close the matter pending a response from me to the letter from Lord Gwilym Prys-Davies.

I understand the concerns of Lord Prys-Davies, and others involved in the complaint sent to the Welsh Assembly Government about the naming of Ysgol Gyfun Gartholwg. I appreciate that in this case people who wanted to retain the school's former name have felt that it is not appropriate that an LEA has the final decision making power. You will appreciate that somebody has to have this power. I remain of the opinion that this power should continue to rest with the LEA. This one case does not mean that the legislation is not right or is ineffective.

The law covering instruments of government introduced in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 was not contentious and worked well for schools and LEAs. For that reason the Welsh Assembly Government did not amend the legislation when making the 2005 school government regulations and no concerns were raised during consultation on the regulations. Giving LEAs responsibility for confirming the name of a school means that the possibility of two schools having the same or very similar names in one locality is avoided.

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My officials have also confirmed that apart from the Ysgol Gyfun Gartholwg case, no other correspondence or representations of this kind has arisen previously expressing concerns over the process for reviewing a schools instrument of government and the responsibilities of the LEA and governing body. I therefore have no plans to amend the legislation in the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 in respect of instruments of government for schools.

I hope this letter clarifies the position for your committee and Lord Prys - Davies.

Best wishes,

Jane

Because nobody
else has tried
to do such a thing!!
(PJE)