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Consultation on draft Education (School Development Plans) Regulations (NI) 2010

The Department is consulting on draft revised regulations setting out the requirements for school development planning.

The existing requirements for school development planning are set out in The Education (School Development Plans) Regulations (NI) 2005. The Department gave a commitment to review the requirements in line with Every School a Good School – a Policy for School Improvement. Self-evaluation leading to sustained self-improvement is at the core of Every School a Good School and the aim in revising the regulations is to promote effective development planning to bring about improvement in standards.

We want to ensure that:

- the focus of school development planning is on raising standards;
- planning for improvement is supported by planning for the effective use of financial and other resources; and
- the process of self-evaluation and development planning is manageable and provides flexibility for schools to determine their own priorities.

The main provisions of the regulations remain mostly as before but some important changes have been made to the Schedule, which sets out the matters to be addressed in school development planning.

A consultation document is available via the Department's website at: [Review of School Development Plan Regulations 2010](#), which sets out the background to the review, the unchanged provisions and the changes to the regulations. A copy of the draft regulations is also available.

I would encourage you to read the materials and to let us have your views, using the response form provided.

The consultation will close on 26th March 2010 and responses should be returned via email to: standardsandimprovementteam@deni.gov.uk.

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