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To: Headteachers of all Schools in Norfolk
cc All Members of the County Council
Chief Officers

Dear Colleague

I promised to let everybody know what I will be doing after the end of January as soon as this was clear. Norfolk County Council is enabling me to work on secondment to the DfES in London for a period of six months. I will be acting as a Senior Policy Adviser there, helping with developments to do with funding and related areas in particular. Thereafter the future is more uncertain at this point, but at the moment I am not anticipating moving away from Norfolk.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you again for your work on behalf of Norfolk children and your support to me personally since 1997. I have also been very grateful for the many kind comments which colleagues have made to me recently. Please accept my very best wishes for the future.

On a less serious note, I intend to take part in the London Marathon again in April 2005 and colleagues here in the Education Department have kindly agreed to organise the gathering of sponsorship money for me, as last year. Schools were very generous in 2004 in helping me to reach my sponsorship target and I hope you will want to do so again this year.

Finally, I intend to make arrangements for an event in the early summer at which I can say a formal goodbye, and there will be an open invitation to Headteachers to join me on that occasion. I will circulate details in due course.

With all best wishes,
Yours sincerely
Bryan Slater
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