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### **SCHOOL BOARDS IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS: MAY 2002**

Information about the status of school boards in Scotland is published today by the Scottish Executive Education Department.

This information is obtained from the biennial survey of school boards conducted in May 2002. This News Release updates the figures published in October 2000 in the News Release **School Boards in Scottish Schools: May 2000**.

The main findings are:-

- At May 2002, 84 per cent of eligible education authority schools had a school board.
- Of the eligible schools, school boards were formed in 83 per cent of primary, 96 per cent of secondary and 56 per cent of special education authority schools.
- Among the eligible schools, the percentage of schools with a school board has risen over the past ten years from 77 per cent in May 1992 to 84 per cent in May 2002. Primary increased from 77 per cent to 83 per cent, secondary from 95 per cent to 96 per cent, and special from 42 per cent to 56 per cent.
- Of the eligible primary schools 53 per cent had a school board formed after a regular election, 28 per cent had a school board formed after the 3-month co-option period and 2 per cent had a school board formed after parental request. Seventeen per cent had no school board at May 2002.

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- Of the eligible secondary schools 55 per cent had a school board formed after a regular election, 37 per cent had a school board formed after the 3-month co-option period and 4 per cent had a school board formed after parental request. Four per cent had no school board at May 2002.
- Of the eligible special schools 44 per cent had a school board formed after a regular election and 12 per cent had a school board formed after the 3-month co-option period. Forty-four per cent had no school board at May 2002.
- All eligible primary schools in East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Orkney Islands and Renfrewshire had a school board at May 2002. The lowest proportions of primary schools with school boards were in Dundee City, Aberdeen City, Angus and Clackmannanshire.
- Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Dundee City, Glasgow City, Highland, Midlothian and North Lanarkshire are the only authorities where some eligible secondary schools did not have a school board.

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**Education Authority Schools in Scotland, 1992-2002**

**Number of eligible schools and percentages with a school board <sup>1</sup>**

**Table 1**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of eligible schools</b>	<b>Percentage with a school board</b>
All schools	May 1992	2,862	77.0
	May 1994	2,836	75.0
	May 1996	2,822	76.2
	May 1998	2,744	82.7
	May 2000	2,734	82.9
	May 2002	2,732	84.3
Primary schools	May 1992	2,339	76.5
	May 1994	2,329	74.0
	May 1996	2,317	74.9
	May 1998	2,250	81.6
	May 2000	2,276	82.0
	May 2002	2,241	83.2
Secondary Schools	May 1992	410	94.9
	May 1994	406	92.6
	May 1996	402	93.8
	May 1998	393	96.7
	May 2000	386	95.6
	May 2002	388	95.9
Special Schools	May 1992	154	42.2
	May 1994	142	46.5
	May 1996	137	51.8
	May 1998	133	60.9
	May 2000	133	56.3
	May 2002	133	55.6

<sup>1</sup> Figures for the three sectors do not sum to "All schools" since some schools have primary and secondary departments. Each school is counted only once in "All schools".

**Education Authority Primary Schools, May 2002**

**Number of eligible schools and percentage with a school board, by authority**

**Table 2**

Education Authority	Total number of eligible schools =(100%)	Percentage of eligible schools with:				
		School Board at 31 May 2002				No school board at 31 May 2002
		Total	After regular election	After 3-month co-option period	After parental request	
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>2241</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
Aberdeen City	57	60	23	33	4	40
Aberdeenshire	156	69	25	42	2	31
Angus	60	63	38	23	2	37
Argyll & Bute	87	99	77	21	1	1
Clackmannanshire	19	63	26	37	0	37
Dumfries & Galloway	114	88	68	17	3	12
Dundee City	41	59	27	32	0	41
East Ayrshire	47	98	74	23	0	2
East Dunbartonshire	37	100	70	27	3	0
East Lothian	35	94	31	63	0	6
East Renfrewshire	24	100	67	33	0	0
Edinburgh, City of	102	94	66	28	0	6
Eilean Siar	40	93	75	18	0	8
Falkirk	48	96	50	46	0	4
Fife	146	77	27	49	1	23
Glasgow City	203	71	70	0	0	29
Highland	187	82	42	39	2	18
Inverclyde	32	100	81	19	0	0
Midlothian	36	69	36	28	6	31
Moray	46	80	11	54	15	20
North Ayrshire	53	100	85	15	0	0
North Lanarkshire	130	80	52	27	1	20
Orkney Islands	18	100	33	50	17	0
Perth & Kinross	56	96	45	52	0	4
Renfrewshire	52	100	98	2	0	0
Scottish Borders	71	70	35	31	4	30
Shetland Islands	32	97	59	34	3	3
South Ayrshire	45	89	56	33	0	11
South Lanarkshire	125	91	61	30	1	9
Stirling	42	79	38	40	0	21
West Dunbartonshire	35	89	89	0	0	11
West Lothian	65	89	89	0	0	11

**Education Authority Secondary Schools, May 2002**

**Number of eligible schools and percentage with a school board, by authority**

**Table 3**

Education Authority	Total number of eligible schools (100%)	Percentage of eligible schools with:				
		School Board at 31 May 2002				No school board at 31 May 2002
		Total	After regular election	After 3-month co-option period	After parental request	
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Aberdeen City	13	85	38	38	8	15
Aberdeenshire	17	88	18	71	0	12
Angus	8	100	50	50	0	0
Argyll & Bute	10	100	40	60	0	0
Clackmannanshire	3	100	0	67	33	0
Dumfries & Galloway	16	100	81	13	6	0
Dundee City	10	90	30	60	0	10
East Ayrshire	9	100	89	11	0	0
East Dunbartonshire	9	100	33	44	22	0
East Lothian	6	100	50	50	0	0
East Renfrewshire	7	100	43	57	0	0
Edinburgh, City of	23	100	70	30	0	0
Eilean Siar	12	100	83	17	0	0
Falkirk	8	100	13	88	0	0
Fife	19	100	42	47	11	0
Glasgow City	29	83	83	0	0	17
Highland	28	93	46	46	0	7
Inverclyde	9	100	56	44	0	0
Midlothian	6	83	17	67	0	17
Moray	8	100	0	75	25	0
North Ayrshire	10	100	50	50	0	0
North Lanarkshire	26	88	50	35	4	12
Orkney Islands	6	100	33	67	0	0
Perth & Kinross	10	100	60	40	0	0
Renfrewshire	13	100	100	0	0	0
Scottish Borders	9	100	89	11	0	0
Shetland Islands	9	100	44	44	11	0
South Ayrshire	9	100	67	33	0	0
South Lanarkshire	21	100	57	33	10	0
Stirling	7	100	14	71	14	0
West Dunbartonshire	7	100	100	0	0	0
West Lothian	11	100	100	0	0	0

**Education Authority Special Schools, May 2002**

**Number of eligible schools and percentage with a school board**

**Table 4**

	Total number of eligible schools =(100%)	Percentage of eligible schools with:				
		School Board at 31 May 2002				No school board at 31 May 2002
		Total	After regular election	After 3-month co-option period	After parental request	
Scotland	133	56	44	12	0	44

## NOTES FOR NEWS EDITORS

1) The School Boards (Scotland) Act 1988 provided for school boards to be set up in education authority schools in Scotland. Boards consist of elected parent and staff members and other members co-opted by the elected members. Board members hold office for four years, with half the parent places coming up for election every two years. The initial round of elections to school boards was held in 1989-90, with parental elections biennially thereafter. This News Release reports the results of the biennial survey on the status of school boards as at 31 May 2002.

2) The 1988 Act provided for elections for school boards to be held in all schools except for the very few schools whose roll is so small that there are insufficient parents to form a school board. Schools in which elections are required to be held are referred to as 'eligible schools'.

3) School boards, the size and composition of which is laid down in the School Board (Scotland) Regulations 1989 (as amended), can only be formed when sufficient parent members are elected through contested or uncontested regular elections. In cases where insufficient parents are elected to form a school board, a board can be established through the co-option of up to two parents. Where a Board does not exist at 31 May 2002, this is either because the school is a non-qualifying school, or because no board was formed as a result of a regular election or under other provisions.

4) **This is a National Statistics publication.** National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

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