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To: Parental Involvement Bill

Subject: Parentzone Making the Difference Questionnaire

Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

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Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

Confidentiality: Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

Behalf of groups:

Sharing responses / future engagement: Yes

Question 1: No. There is currently lots of parental involvement in existence within Crookfur Primary and Eastwood High School, which are well supported by East Renfrewshire Council. I do not believe it requires the proposed changes as it currently works exceptionally well for us.

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Question 3:

No. Crookfur Primary and Eastwood High School currently incorporate this into the School Development Plan - there is no need to change this. This currently works well and is strongly valued by both the parent body and the headteacher.

Question 4: No. A core number of parents are willing, and serve on Boards, and receive extensive training by East Renfrewshire Council, with experience built up over a period, a more flexible system would not enable this experience to develop in the same effective way as it currently does. This currently works well and is strongly valued by both the parent body and the headteacher.

Question 5: N/A as I disagree with this proposal, due to the fact that the existing system works well.

Question 6: N/A as I disagree with this proposal, due to the fact that the existing system works well.

Question 7: N/A as I disagree with this proposal, due to the fact that the existing system works well, whereby the School Board and PTA work effectively together in both Crookfur Primary and Eastwood High School.

Question 8: N/A as I would recommend that the status quo remains.

Question 9: Do not agree, as the existing system works very effectively within East Renfrewshire Council.

Question 10: Would recommend that the existing system, which works well, remains whereby it is not confined to parents, but they remain in the majority.

Question 11: -

Question 12: Do not support proposals of the Bill, but whatever system is in place would recommend that anyone involved with children should be Disclosure checked.

Question 13: N/A, do not agree with proposals contained within the Bill. Existing arrangements work well within East Renfrewshire Council whereby Headteacher and Local Councillor are in attendance at all meetings and always have a very valued contribution - would not want to restrict their attendance. I believe that it is critical for good communication for them to be in attendance.

Question 14: No, do not agree with the proposals for parent forums.

Question 15: No, do not agree with the proposals for parent forums. The existing system works effectively within Crookfur Primary and Eastwood High School.

Question 16: No, recommend that the status quo remains.

Question 17: No, do not agree with the proposals for parent forums. The existing system works effectively within Crookfur Primary and Eastwood High School.

Question 18: No, recommend that the status quo remains.

Question 19: Yes. Would recommend that that as this currently is in place within East Renfrewshire Council that it remains as it is very effective.

Question 20: The existing process of parental involvement works well, however improvements could be made to the actual selection process to extend it from panel interviews to ensure that skills not picked up at an interview alone are tested.

Question 21: Agree that it should be retained by School Boards.

Question 22: No, we disagree with this proposal, due to the fact that the existing system works well within East Renfrewshire Council.

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