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Dear Graham,

In June I wrote to you announcing the publication of our initial teacher training strategy, *Training our next generation of outstanding teachers*. In the strategy I reaffirmed my belief that teachers are society's most valuable asset. We are fortunate that there are so many excellent teachers in this country already but we need to do more to ensure teaching is an even more attractive career choice. By attracting the best graduates into teaching and ensuring they receive high quality training we can develop even more outstanding teachers who will help ensure our education system is among the best in the world.

Today we are publishing our initial teacher training implementation plan, *Training our next generation of outstanding teachers*. This document confirms the policies set out in our strategy document and reflects the responses we received to our consultation. The implementation plan is available on the Department's website at the following address:

[www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment)

In our strategy we set out how we would raise the status of teaching and use bursaries to attract even more talented graduates to the profession. We suggested how we would make the selection of trainees more rigorous to make sure only those with the skills needed to teach begin training courses. We explained how we would increase school involvement in initial teacher training and encourage schools to work together with universities to develop high quality and relevant training. We confirmed that there is an important role for high quality, university led training in a diverse initial teacher training system.

Since the publication of the strategy we have been carefully considering all of the responses to the consultation on our proposals. We have been working closely with

your member organisations to develop some of the policies proposed in the strategy. Thank you to all those who have helped us take these ideas further. I am particularly grateful to the Institute of Physics for their work on the new physics scholarship scheme. I hope that we may be able to work with SCORE members to introduce similar schemes in other subjects.

I hope you will welcome the generous bursaries we have agreed to offer students studying teacher training courses specialising in physics, mathematics and chemistry. I also hope you will support policies to train secondary teachers who specialise in one of the sciences and to increase the number of specialist science teachers in primary.

Thank you once again for helping us develop our policies in this crucial area. I do hope you will continue to support the policies set out in our plan, so together we can turn them into a reality. By developing a high quality teacher training system and training more outstanding teachers we can allow more children to receive the world class education that they deserve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Gove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

MICHAEL GOVE