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Dear Principal,

As the first school term comes to a close, I would be very grateful if you would take the time to fill in the questionnaire below and return to me before Fri 16th Dec, in the SAE enclosed. Everything will be dealt with in confidence. I am well aware of the multitude of demands on your time; however, this will be of benefit to all concerned.

On Feb.9th we will be holding a public meeting in the Parkway Hotel Dunmanway, our guest speaker, Mr. Pat Curtin, National Council of Special Education, C.E.O. focusing on "How far have we come?" With both our local SENOs yet to be replaced, we are looking for concrete evidence to present to him at this meeting, in the hope that he will do something to improve the situation. In the near future we will also be meeting with a representative from NEPS to get their professional view on what we as a group can do.

The West Cork parents Action Group has campaigned relentlessly over the past two years to have resources increased to deal with educational disadvantage in primary schools. We have engaged in correspondence with the Taoiseach and Minister for Education on several occasions in an effort to have this issue addressed. We as a group have also organised various meetings and training seminars for all involved with students with special educational needs. If you wish to be updated on our activities for the coming school year, please forward your e-mail address to be added to our mailing list.

Wishing you every success for the school year ahead! Have a very enjoyable Christmas.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Margaret O' Donoghue

Special Needs Questionnaire

1. Name of School: _____/optional
2. Roll No:- _____/optional
3. No. Students enrolled:- _____
4. No. Students with special education needs:- _____
5. No. Mainstream Teaching staff _____
6. No. of Special Ed. Teaching Staff:- _____
7. No. of Special Needs Assistants:- _____
8. No. of students receiving Resource hours:- under GAM ____ under allocated hrs__
9. No. of students receiving SNA hours:- _____
10. No. of students awaiting allocation of hours (Resource and/or SNA):- _____
11. No. of children with SEN awaiting psychological Assessment:- _____
12. No. of Psychological Assessments carried out in your school during the last school year :- _____
13. No. of psychology assessments allowed per year:- _____

14. Any other details/comments regarding your school and/or SEN

School e-mail address: _____