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To Parent Councils

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Today I have published a paper setting out the latest stage of our drive to reform Scottish education. At the heart of those proposals is a simple premise: we believe that the best decisions about a child's education are taken by the people who know that child best – their parents, their teachers, their school and their community.

Parents will be interested in all aspects of the Next Steps paper, a full version and accompanying reports can be found here:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/thegovernancereview>

I would encourage you to draw these reforms to the attention of all parents.

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