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Dear Mr McCrory

COUNCILLOR MEMBERS – BELFAST EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD

Thank you for your letter of 8th April in response to my letter of 25th February.

The Council requested that the Minister appoint to the Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB) the four Councillors who had already been successful in the eligibility sift process.

The Minister has considered the request but has confirmed that he is unable to make any appointments until the names of the additional four nominees are provided by the Council and those candidates complete the agreed selection process.

The Council will be aware that the Minister's request for additional nominees was initially submitted to the Council on 15 March 2012. The Minister would encourage the Council to comply with his request as it upholds the principle of Ministerial choice.

I am therefore writing to seek a minimum of an additional four nominations from Belfast City Council so that the appointment process for the BELB can proceed without further delay. I should be grateful if you would provide me with the names and addresses of the Councillors who would be willing to serve on the BELB for the period until the Education and Skills Authority is established.

I should remind you that those Councillors previously nominated and who did not progress beyond the eligibility sift stage are not eligible for re-nomination as this remains a continuation of an existing selection process (i.e. Councillors Garrett, Lavery and McVeigh).

I would be grateful to receive details of the Council's additional nominations as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mervyn Gregg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'G'.

MERVYN GREGG
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