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To: Principals of Participating Schools

Dear Principal

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Update on Examination Regulations for 2019 Examination and beyond

In May 2018, schools have been informed of the changes to the 2019 and 2020 HKDSE Examination Regulations as well as the 2021 HKDSE Examination Regulations vide Examination Circular No. (8) 2017/2018. Please be informed that a further update has been made to the HKDSE Examination Regulations as follows:

Regulations for Participation of Schools in the HKDSE

To provide accurate information to the public, particularly parents/students about the schools offering the HKDSE curriculum, the Secretariat has reviewed the existing policy on school participation and proposed that schools that have not presented candidates for three consecutive years be removed from the participating school list. Due consultations have been made with the EDB and the Advisory Committee on Public Examinations Administration on the proposal with no adverse comments received. The proposed change has been endorsed by the Public Examinations Board and approved by the HKEAA Council for implementation from the 2019 HKDSE. An additional clause has been added to Section 3.10 of the Examination Regulations as follows:

'3.10 ... Nonetheless, schools that have not presented candidates for three consecutive years will be removed from the list of participating schools for the following examination year.'

An electronic version of the revised 2019, 2020 and 2021 HKDSE Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks have been uploaded to the HKEAA website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/admin/exam_regulations/). Schools are requested to observe the above change to the HKDSE Examination Regulations. In case of enquiries, please contact Ms Gladys Cheng (Tel: 3628 8950).

Yours faithfully



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