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agus Cuimsitheacha

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

The Secretary,  
Board of Management and  
School Principal in  
each Community and Comprehensive School.

Members of the Executive of ACCS.

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Re: 1. Junior Cycle Certificate of Completion  
2. Junior Cycle Management Resource Hours  
3. SSE Update

1. **Junior Cycle Certificate of Completion.**

The Department of Education has advised that the deadline for producing the 2020 Junior Cycle Certificates of Completion has been extended from Friday 18 June to Thursday 24 June. Schools were also advised to note that it will NOT be possible to download certificates after this date and that **it would be essential that the process is completed by 24 June.**

Many schools have completed the task. Those who have not completed the task are asked to do so prior to 24 June.

2. **Junior Cycle Management Resource Hours.**

Circular letter [76/2020](#) - 'Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to the school year 2020/21', advised that in view of the particular circumstances pertaining in that year, it was decided to retain the provision of the management resource hours for that year. As a result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the full rollout of the Framework for Junior Cycle, it has been decided that the provision of management resource hours will be continued for one further year in 2021/22. The allocation for the next academic year is shown below, retaining the adjustments and overall increase in cost of provision introduced in 2020/21.

The provision of these additional resources is contingent on schools confirming that their Junior Cycle students have access to teaching, learning and assessment practices, including the holding of Subject Learning and Assessment Review meetings, in line with the Framework for Junior Cycle 2015 and the associated specifications designed by the NCCA and approved by the Minister, including all assessment arrangements set out in Junior Cycle circulars.

Allocation of Junior Cycle management resource hours for 2021/22:

Enrolment	Weekly Management Resource Hours
700 +	2 hours
600 – 699	2 hours 40 mins
400 – 599	2 hours
< 399	2 hours

Existing pro-rata arrangements for partial implementation will apply.

Further information regarding these hours will be set out in the circular letter for 2021/22.

**3. SSE Update.**

The Department has advised that that an update regarding SSE will issue to schools shortly from the Inspectorate. It has been indicated that there will be no significant additional requirements of schools re SSE in the coming year.

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Le mór mheas,



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John Irwin,  
GENERAL SECRETARY.