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Clerk to Finance Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attention: Ms Anita SIT)

Dear Ms SIT,

**Request for the follow up on the provision of subsidy
for day-school students in the 2019/20 school year by the Finance Committee**

With respect to the letter dated 29 November 2019 from Hon Holden CHOW, I am authorised to reply as follows:

As part of the \$19.1 billion relief measures announced in August 2019, the Financial Secretary proposed a one-off student grant of \$2,500 for secondary day-school, primary school and kindergarten students, to alleviate parents' financial burden in defraying education expenses. The eligibility criteria for the subsidy are explicit. In principle, students who are enrolled in secondary day-schools, primary schools and kindergartens are all eligible for the grant, except a few special circumstances, such as holders of student visa for entry into Hong Kong for studies and holders of Form of Recognizance issued by the Immigration Department who are not eligible. In addition, the application and approval procedures will be simple. The information and supporting documents to be provided by parents will be kept to minimum as far as possible, hence, it is not expected to have a large number of enquiries. As for the employment of staff on non-civil service contract terms and post-retirement service contract terms, they

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are mainly responsible for processing the applications, including hotline services for handling enquiries. Schools can also refer parents' enquiries to the Education Bureau. We are confident to be able to handle the enquiries efficiently.

We thank the Committee Member's attention to the matter. We hope that we could formally kick-start the work, invite applications and disburse the grant as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Karen LAU)
for Secretary for Education