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Dear Staff,

Re: Academy Conversion Consultation

As a result of Burrsville Infant School being placed in an Ofsted category, requiring it to improve its educational standards, the Department for Education decided that it should be sponsored to become an Academy.

The Headteacher and staff have already delivered significant improvements in the school and this has been recognised in a recent Ofsted monitoring inspection. However, the Department for Education consider that sponsored academy status will ensure that those improvements will be built on and sustained most effectively.

The Department has selected REAch2 to sponsor Burrsville Infant School to become part of the Reach2EssexREAch2 Academy Trust. REAch2 is a primary school academy trust developed by Hillyfield Academy in collaboration with a number of other high performing primary schools and academies.

Sponsorship means that REAch2 will support the conversion of Burrsville Infant School and put in place an educational improvement programme to ensure that educational standards continue to improve quickly.

The consultation period begins on Monday 9th September and will last until Friday 11th October at 12 noon and Burrsville Infant School is likely to become an academy on 1st November 2013.

The consultation process has been designed to gather as wide a range of views as possible. It is important you have your say, as your views will influence how the academy is managed and organised.

To support staff in developing their knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy we have prepared an information document which will be available on the REAch 2 website www.reach2.org.

We will be discussing academy status with trade unions, parents, students and members of the wider community during the consultation process.

The deadline for feedback on Academy conversion is 12 noon on Friday 11th October.

A briefing session for staff and trade union representatives has been arranged on Thursday 26th September at 3.30 pm so that you can raise any questions direct with governors and the Headteacher. Alternatively, you can submit comments by email to head@burrsville-inf.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Chair of Governors & REAch2