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Mr Trevor Averre-Beeson
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Christine Gilbert
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Mr. Averre-Beeson,

Removal from Special Measures

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff, the governing body, parents and students on the recent decision that the school no longer requires special measures. I know that the progress made by the school is the result of considerable hard work and serious commitment on the part of many people, especially the staff.

I am particularly pleased to see that actions taken by the school's leadership have proved to be highly successful in promoting a strong learning culture and that behaviour management strategies have resulted in pupils feeling safe and keen to learn. It is also pleasing to note that effective work to tackle long-standing under-achievement is proving successful. This work is clearly being underpinned by teachers' consistent lesson planning and thorough use of assessment information. The report's acknowledgment of improving relations with local residents is another major milestone in the school's progress.

I hope you and your staff and governors are celebrating the success of all the efforts made on the journey out of special measures, which may well have included some difficult times. I trust you agree that the progress noted by the lead inspector has been to the benefit of the students in your care. I believe you now have the foundations in place to go from strength to strength.

I wish you and your staff well as you continue to improve the school in the months and years ahead.

Yours sincerely
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