

A message from Keith Grimwade, Service Director: Learning

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Colleagues

As you know, the Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board (CSIB) brings together representatives of all school phases with FE, the Teaching School Alliances, school partnerships, the Diocesan Authorities, the universities, elected members, governors, the teacher unions and the Regional Schools Commissioner. The Board has recently appointed its first Independent Chair, Richard Thomas, a former Headteacher in Essex.

Actions are underway to support all four of the Board's priorities:

1. Define and promote a Cambridgeshire entitlement for leadership development.
2. Commission programmes to accelerate the achievement of our disadvantaged groups.
3. Champion raised aspirations for Cambridgeshire, to include a cultural entitlement for all children.
4. Agree and implement a county-wide, cross phase data sharing agreement.

These actions have been brought together in a draft plan, *attached*, that has been posted on the CSIB website

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/298/school_improvement_board .

On 22nd April, the CSIB's 'Bridge the Gap' project got underway at the Faculty of Education, with a presentation by Marc Rowland, Deputy Director of the National Education Trust, on 'Tackling Educational Disadvantage: The Active Ingredients'. There is a wealth of relevant, stimulating and interesting material on the NET website <http://www.nationaleducationtrust.net/index.php>

Kind regards

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