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Dear Home Educators,

Thank you all for your time and effort in completing the survey and writing to us with your support, questions and suggestions.

It is important that THEAC re-assess its standards with some frequency in order to properly carry out our responsibilities to the Minister in advising him about home education registrations. This is the first time that THEAC has opened the process of updating the standards to consultation and feedback from home educators. It has been a fantastic experience to have so much input into these guidelines which are so important to ensuring equity and fairness to all home educators.

The feedback we have received has been as diverse as the community itself. When listening to home educators, THEAC aims to be as responsive as possible to all views. In the updating of the standards, THEAC must take into account the views of the home education community, the requirements of the Minister for Education and THEAC's own requirements in ensuring a robust and reliable registration and monitoring process.

Please be advised that the standards have now been finalised and will be published on the THEAC webpage along with data from the recent survey. We will formally start applying them from January 1st 2017 but home educators can begin to use them in formulating their HESP as soon as they wish to. We have also provided a copy to the Department of Education to ensure that the regulations that are developed through the legislation process align with the work that home educators have participated in.

There is still work to be done. Council will now focus their attention on finalising the supporting documents. They will include guidelines to the home education standards, an overview to home education and a guide to writing your home education program.

We hope that you continue to engage in the process as we move forward. Happy home educating!

Yours sincerely,

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