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Dear Parent/Carer

**North Scotland – Raising Attainment – Securing Teachers Summit  
Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Aberdeen City Council is working hard to recruit high quality teachers to continue to provide the best possible education for our young people. However, we face challenges in attracting and retaining teachers in not only Aberdeen, but in the North of Scotland.

Aberdeen City Council has introduced a number of local initiatives to try to attract new teachers, but given we are still facing difficulties in recruitment and retention, we believe a fresh approach is to organise a North Scotland Summit, with other local authorities who are facing similar issues. This summit will enable key stakeholders to engage with Scottish Government Ministers and other national agencies on the issues of teacher recruitment and retention in the North of Scotland.

It is our intention that following the summit we will have a set of agreed actions and strategies for the immediate, medium and longer term to address teacher recruitment and retention.

Although it is not possible to extend invitation to all parents and carers I want to assure you that local and national parent bodies will be in attendance and your views represented.

I would like to reassure you that Aberdeen City Council, despite the challenges faced, continues to deliver the highest quality of education to our young people.

Yours faithfully

**Jenny Laing**  
Leader of the Council



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