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This is an email sent to Debbie Barnes (copies to Andy Breckon and Meredith Teasdale) last week:

Dear Mrs Barnes,

I write to request a meeting to discuss the Admissions Policy being employed by Boston Grammar School Federation. I have it on good authority that there will be students admitted to those schools for September 2012 who have failed to meet the standard required by the Lincolnshire Grammar Schools Consortium. This, with a changing demographic, will have an extremely damaging impact on neighbouring schools as well as potentially bringing about a very serious erosion in the reputation of selective education in this area. I would add that it could be questioned whether this policy is entirely ethical. Surely we should all be looking to provide places for students in schools which suit their ability and therefore allow them the best chances to thrive.

It could be argued that the current LCC transport policy simply supports this practice - potentially providing free transport for students to a grammar school irrespective of whether they should have gained a place there. It is also important to remember that both BGS and BHS are still, for the time being, LA Maintained Schools.

I feel strongly that, unless something is done about this matter urgently, this practice will be repeated in the coming years, severely damaging not only other local schools but the very principles of selective education in the county.

I have discussed this matter with Andrew Fulbrook (Headteacher at William Lovell CoE School) and Stephen Johnson (Headteacher at Kirton Middlecott School) and we would like to meet with you to discuss our concerns if that is possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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