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Dear Convener

I am writing to inform you about the fourth meeting of the Education Ministers Council, one of the Intergovernmental Ministerial Groups (IMGs) created under the new arrangements set out in the [Review of Intergovernmental Relations](#).

There have been four meetings of the Education Ministers Council to date. The Education Ministers Council met for the fourth time on Thursday 8 June 2023 at The City of Liverpool College. The meeting was chaired by The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education in the UK Government. I attended the Council, which was also attended by:

- Jeremy Miles AS/MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language (from the Welsh Government)
- Linsey Farrell, Deputy Secretary for Education Policy and Children's Services, Department of Education (representing Northern Ireland) and
- Heather Cousins, Deputy Secretary, Skills and Education Group, Department for the Economy (representing Northern Ireland).

The theme of the meeting was digital in education, focusing on current and future digital approaches to transform teacher workload and support effective teaching and learning, including the opportunities and risks presented by emerging technologies like artificial intelligence.

Colin Hegarty, of Sparx Learning, gave a presentation on how technology can be used to empower learners and teachers, optimising learning time and reducing teacher workload.

Ministers also considered matters relating to plans for examinations in 2023.

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It was agreed that the Scottish Government would host the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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