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Dear Colleague,

Department for Education announcement about Level 1/Level 2 Certificates

Earlier this year, Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Reform) announced that it won't be possible to redevelop the current Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in Geography for inclusion in performance tables from 2018 onwards.

What does this mean for the Edexcel Certificate in Geography?

Once the Edexcel Certificates no longer count in performance measures, they will also cease to attract funding. As a result, the qualifications can no longer be offered to schools and we are therefore **withdrawing all our Edexcel Certificate qualifications**.

This means that:

- **Final examination** of the current Edexcel Certificate in Geography will take place in summer 2017.
- **Final recognition** of Edexcel Certificate results in performance tables for Geography will be in summer 2017.
- There will be **no opportunity** for students to sit Edexcel Certificate examinations for Geography in January 2018.
- From **summer 2018 onwards**, only the **GCSE qualifications in Geography** will count in performance tables.

We'll support you every step of the way

This decision will come as a disappointment to many of you who've enjoyed teaching the Edexcel Certificate in Geography. We will, of course, support you with your choices going forward and give you any advice or help you may need. Simply get in touch with Jon Wolton (your Geography Subject Advisor) using one of the following options:

- **Email:** TeachingGeography@pearson.com
- **Phone:** 0844 372 2185
- **Web:** www.edexcel.com/Geography

Learning more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualifications in Geography

Much of what you've told us you like about the Edexcel Certificate in Geography is being drawn upon as we design our new GCSE. To discover more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualifications in Geography, visit www.edexcel.com/GeogGCSE16. Here, you'll find the latest news and details of how you can explore and have your say on the new qualification your students may go on to take.

Yours faithfully,



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