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Dear colleague

I am writing to inform you that Trustees of Pioneer Educational Trust and The Langley Academy Trust have decided to discontinue the application to merge. This follows a time of exploration and planning by each Trust in preparation for a possible merger during which time both Trusts gained a considerable amount from the collaboration and partnership, discussions and considerations.

However, during this period we have noted that the government's push for larger MATs has become less apparent and, as importantly, the family of schools within each Trust has grown and developed under their current leadership, going from strength to strength. We are confident that each Trust can build on this and that their schools will continue to flourish in their present structures. It is for this reason that we believe this is not the right time to pursue the diversion and change of a merger.

Each Trust has valued the collaboration that has taken place during the process and we thank the staff who have worked hard throughout this journey. We are sure that the two Trusts will continue to find opportunities to collaborate with one another to serve the local community and will both continue to provide our pupils with the best possible education within the ethos of our separate Trusts.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of The Langley Academy Trust