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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to advise that following a recent recruitment campaign, two new Strategic Directors have been appointed to Education Scotland. The successful candidates are Janie McManus who is the current interim Director of Inspection and Maria Walker former Director of Education and Children's Services in Aberdeenshire Council.

Janie will take up post as Strategic Director for Scrutiny and Maria will take up post as Strategic Director for Regional Improvement. Both Janie and Maria will take up their new roles as of Monday 20 August 2018 and I am looking forward to welcoming them both to the organisation.

Both colleagues bring a depth of experience to these roles and a history of collaboration and partnership working which is essential for our joint approaches and developments going forward. I know both are very much looking forward to working with you and your teams to support improvement in Scottish Education.

We are yet to finalise the third post, Strategic Director of Corporate Services and Governance, but will update you when this recruitment process is concluded.

I would like take this opportunity to formally thank all stakeholders from Directors, Chief Education officers and headteachers who contributed to the recent and ongoing recruitment and selection processes for Education Scotland, whose contributions have been essential to the selection process and in shaping the renewed organisation moving forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gayle Gunn".

Chief Inspector of Education/Chief Executive