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George Farmer Technology & Language  
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*The Governors the Holbeach and Crowland Secondary Federation*

*Federation Executive Headteacher: Steve Baragwanath B.Sc. (Hons.)*

March 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Dear Sir or Madam

**RE: PROPOSALS FOR AN ACADEMY FOR SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

The University of Lincoln have made proposals to the Department for Education to become the sponsor of an Academy in South East Lincolnshire. If the proposals go ahead, the Academy will open in September 2011, replacing both George Farmer Technology and Language College and St Guthlac's School. As you may be aware the Local Authority, Lincolnshire County Council, is currently conducting a statutory consultation on the proposals to close the two predecessor schools and establish a new Academy.

To this end the sponsors have produced a document describing the proposals and including details of what the Academy would offer students should the proposal be approved. This document is attached to this letter and also includes a questionnaire which will allow you to give your views on the Academy proposals. It is essential that the Academy reflects the needs of its community and your views are important in making this happen. A hard copy of the document will be made available from the two schools, alternatively you can view an electronic version posted on the Academy website, [www.holbeachacademy.org](http://www.holbeachacademy.org).

If you wish to share your views please return your completed questionnaire to either George Farmer Technology and Language College or St Guthlac's School. If you prefer, you can fill in the questionnaire online at the Academy website.

In addition a public meeting will be held for people involved with the schools or community to hear the proposals from the sponsors, and to ask any questions on them.

We will ensure that all comments and questions are recorded and taken into account in presenting conclusions to the Department for Education (DfE). It is the DfE who will make the final decision about whether the Academy will progress.

The public meeting will be held at:

**6.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Springfield Events Centre in Spalding**

Please ensure that any comments or responses to the Academy proposal are made by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of Governors