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Chill Chainnigh agus Cheatharlach
Kilkenny and Carlow
Education and Training Board

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Dear Colleagues

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well. It has been a challenging academic year for everyone and on behalf of the Board members and executive of Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board I want to extend my gratitude to all our staff throughout the organisation for your endeavours over the past four months.

Your engagement with our students and learners during these past months has been critically important in supporting their teaching, learning, assessment and pastoral care needs. Working together, staying connected and supporting each other has been crucial in helping to keep a sense of normality for everyone.

Our administration and support staff have continued to find new and innovation ways to ensure that crucial activities are taking place. I want to acknowledge the committed efforts of our dedicated staff team, our students and their parents and our Board members all of whom have played a crucial role in supporting our work.

We continue to have a variety of working arrangement in place for staff and we are preparing for a phased reopening of our administration offices in Carlow and Kilkenny from the 10th August.

We have a Business Response Plan in place and we are preparing for a phased reopening in line with government guidelines and the advice of the HSE, DES and other bodies. The protocols for the return of staff, students and adult learners will be governed by national guidance which we are currently awaiting.

It is important that you have an opportunity to take a break from work over the summer period and I wish everyone a restful and safe summer.

On behalf of the members of our Board and our executive team I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to each one of you for your work.

Stay safe and stay connected.

Kind Regards

Eileen Curtis
Chief Executive