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PRIME MINISTER

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SCHOOLS IN SCOTLAND

Your action over Paisley Grammar School has become a standard around which people can rally to the Party in Scotland.

Earlier this week Michael Forsythe was handed a petition of 17,000 signatures to keep open Notre-Dame School - an all-girls secondary school in Hillhead. The school has 654 pupils out of a possible 681 - and one-half of the children are there by the specific request of their parents.

The Labour MP for Hillhead, George Galloway, strongly supports the new regulations which make it possible to save another excellent school.

The strong impression I get is that the decision over Paisley has been welcomed enthusiastically by people at all levels throughout Scotland.

Recommendation

It is vital that we do not lose the chance to give these parents the right to opt-out of LEA's.

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