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**Note relating to the presentation made at the West Lothian schools' parent representatives meeting at Bathgate Academy on Tuesday 26 February 2008.**

The overall reaction to the presentation was very positive and David will continue to develop the ideas for some form of parental network in West Lothian that would concentrate on schools issues.

To assist with this process, a questionnaire is being developed and will be issued before the end of March to all West Lothian schools. The aim is to allow all schools to have an input to the process of developing the best set up for any formal or informal network that the schools themselves believe will provide a service.

The expected timetable is for the questionnaires to be issued by the end of March, the replies to be sent back by the end of April and for the results of the questionnaires to be summarised and issued to parent groups prior to the next meeting at the end of May. At the May meeting the intention is to make a decision or series of decisions on the information presented.

The intention is to fully involve all parent bodies in the decision making process.

Some schools may believe that an informal set up is best and some may believe that a more formal set up is best. The aim will be to debate the ideas and concerns and to reach a decision that will be acceptable to all.

David Mitchell is happy to provide his contact details for anyone wanting more information in advance of the questionnaires being issued. He is contactable at [divadmitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:divadmitchell@hotmail.com) and is also willing to attend any local meetings that you may wish to hold e.g. at cluster level to discuss the subject in more detail.