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LIMERICK AND CLARE ETB WELCOMES AWARDING OF PATRONAGE FOR NEW LIMERICK POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board has welcomed today's announcement by the Minister for Education and Skills that it is to be patron for the new Limerick City & Environs (South-West) post-primary school. When completed, the new Community College for the South West (Mungret, Dooradoyle and Raheen) area of Limerick City will cater for up to 600 pupils. It will be a multi-denominational, co-educational, English-medium Community College.

Welcoming the news, George O'Callaghan, LCETB Chief Executive, said: "I am delighted following the rigorous assessment process engaged in by the Department and the New Schools Establishment Group that LCETB has been selected as patron for the new school. LCETB looks forward to working with the local community in establishing the new school." He continued: "The Community College is scheduled to open to receive First Year students in September 2017. The school will open in temporary accommodation. LCETB will work closely with the Department of Education and Skills in securing the temporary accommodation and ensuring that it will be in place for September 2017."

It is hoped to hold an information night shortly for prospective parents. The time, venue and date of the information night will be made available next week.

In his statement, George O'Callaghan also congratulated Educate Together on its appointment as patron of the new school in Castletroy: "We look forward to working with Educate Together in providing education to the children of the area." LCETB is patron of Castletroy College, one of the largest post-primary schools in the region, which provides a first class education to the Castletroy community.

The new school will be a non-designated Community College. In its recommendation to the Minister, the New Schools Establishment Group says the establishment of a new school under the model proposed by LCETB will increase co-educational provision in the school planning area and will provide additional multi-denominational education, resulting in greater diversity and plurality of post-primary provision. LCETB is already Patron to a number of Community Colleges in Limerick City and environs including: Coláiste Ciaráin, Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh, Castletroy College and Thomond Community College.