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EYNSHAM PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY AND FARINGDON ACADEMY OF SCHOOLS – JOINT STATEMENT

At their respective Board meetings on 30 March and 6 April 2017, the trustees of the Faringdon Academy of Schools (FAoS) and the Eynsham Partnership Academy (EPA) agreed to embark on discussions about the possible merger of the two academy trusts and detailed negotiations and numerous meetings have taken place since.

Throughout our detailed discussions it was absolutely evident that both trusts and all of our schools are committed to furthering opportunities for our pupils and developing the very best educational offer that we can.

After very careful consideration, both Boards have found it difficult to reach agreement on a governance and leadership structure and we regrettably believe that these issues will not be resolved through further negotiation. Consequently, both Boards have mutually agreed to cease merger discussions and we will not now proceed to a formal public consultation.

Our Boards are deeply appreciative of the considerable time and effort contributed by colleagues at FAoS and EPA. The merger discussions were conducted in a friendly and professional manner at all times, and we are very sorry that they did not reach a successful conclusion.

Both Boards remain fully committed to ensuring the very best teaching for all the children and young people in our schools and to supporting school staff, head teachers and governors across our respective partnerships. We will review the lessons learnt from this process to inform future development opportunities and decisions.

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