Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this first edition of the Kent Association of Headteachers’ area board newsletter. The Kent Association of Headteachers (KAH) is here for every Kent school and every school is a member. Work of the KAH includes the distribution and monitoring of collaborative funding—however its role is ever-developing and covers many aspects of school improvement. Working closely with the Local Authority we aim to use local knowledge to support those most vulnerable schools and to support “good” schools on their journey to “outstanding.” Having met as a “WEST Board” on a termly basis, we would like to develop our work further over the next year.

Whilst the KAH has been in existence for several years, we have seen the greatest impact this year especially through the collaborative funding which KAH are now responsible for awarding and monitoring.

I would like to wish all colleagues a restful summer holiday and I look forward to working with you during the next academic year. Lots of challenges ahead, notably the new NC and SEN—but together I am confident we can survive life after levels!

Kind regards,
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