

Dear Principal,

This is to advise you that the Minister for Education Norma Foley TD has this evening issued a statement updating Leaving Certificate 2020 students on matters relating to the corrected, higher Calculated Grades which are to issue to some students.

The Department of Education and Skills re-opened the Calculated Grades Student Portal at 6pm today, Saturday 3 October, and all students who are due to receive corrected, higher grades, are able to access their results.

Students will have received a text message to say whether or not they will receive a higher grade.

The Department is also e-mailing students whose grades have been increased.

No student has received a lower grade as a result of this process.

In summary:

- 5,408 students are receiving a higher grade, by one grade band, in one subject.
- 621 students are receiving a higher grade, by one grade band, in two subjects.
- 71 students are receiving a higher grade, by one grade band, in three or more subjects.

6,870 grades in total have been increased, affecting 6,100 students.

As you are aware, the Department contracted Educational Testing Services, ETS, to provide an independent expert opinion on the coding. The ETS statement was received earlier today and is attached. It has also been published.

Further details regarding the ETS statement are in the attached press statement regarding the review.

A corrected file of results was provided to the CAO earlier this afternoon.

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science will work with the CAO and the higher education institutions to see how these students can be facilitated to commence the course that they would, in other circumstances, have been offered in an earlier round.

Yours sincerely,

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