

## **NGA News Briefing 030910**

The NGA weekly news briefing is an essential document for any governor, clerk or governor support officer. This briefing gives details of new research, government consultation papers, policy announcements and legislation, together with a summary of recent education stories in the media.

This is a bumper edition, following a busy summer!

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## **NGA Membership Survey**

We are launching a membership survey to enable you to tell us what you think about us!

## **Elections for General Directors – please remember to vote**

There are seven candidates for three General Director vacancies on the NGA Board.

## **Nominations for Regional Directors/ Regional Meetings**

There are vacancies for Regional Directors in six NGA regions (the East of England, the East Midlands, London, the North East, the South East and the West Midlands).

## **School Funding Consultation – including the Pupil Premium**

You may remember that just before the election the previous Government issued a consultation about the methodology for distributing the Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

## **Capital Review**

Following on from its cancellation of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme, the Government has also issued a short consultation about future capital spending.

## **Select Committee on Education**

The Select Committee on Education have launched two important inquiries on which they are seeking views; on Ofsted and Behaviour and Discipline.

## **Academies**

Our Q&As on academies are available on the website.

## **Other Government Announcements**

Since April the Government has made a number of changes, some of which were trail-blazed in big letters and others at least warranted a Ministerial statement or press notice, but others have just snuck through the back-door with no fanfare.

## **School Food campaign**

The Food for Life Partnership have teamed up with the Children's Food Campaign and other children's campaigners to ask the government to promote good food at school.

## **National Professional Qualification for Headship**

The National College has made some changes to the application process for the NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship).

## **Meeting of Special School Governors**

The first meeting of the Special School Governors Forum will be held at NGA Headquarters in Birmingham.

## **Chair's Blog**

Find out what NGA's Chair, Clare Collins is commenting on in her latest blog.

## **Contact NGA**

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