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**RE: Independent Digital Review Group**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Independent Digital Review Group (IRG) made its report to the school's Board of Management at the Board's meeting last night (Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January).

Among the recommendations of the IRG is that new first year students for the academic year 2020-21 will not be required to buy an iPad. Learning and Teaching at Ratoath College will be based on a blended approach that involves both textbooks and technology.

The full report will now be reviewed by the Board and the Board of LMETB to examine and decide on the practical implications associated with implementing the IRG's recommendations after which a presentation will be made to parents, as well as to students and staff, outlining the full details of the report and the practical changes the IRG's recommendations will mean for our school.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to once again sincerely thank the members of the IRG, Cora Dunne, Dr. Ann Marcus-Quinn and Dr. Carl Ó Dálaigh, for their efforts as well as all those students, parents, staff and others who engaged with them in the course of their work.

Yours faithfully,

Seamus Meehan

**Principal & Secretary to the Board of Management**