

Gaeloideachas believes that an appropriate Irish curriculum should be available at all levels of the education system. It must meet the language requirements of all pupils, as is the case with The Primary Language Curriculum. To ensure that due consideration be given to the proposed changes to the Post-Primary Curriculum, Gaeloideachas asks the following of the Department of Education and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment:

- **Postponement of the deadline for consultation on Draft Specification for Leaving Certificate Irish** until the L1 and L2 Junior Cycle have been reviewed.
- Assurance that the Department of Education **will not introduce more challenging Irish specifications at Leaving Certificate level without acknowledgement of the additional work for the student** or reward in the form of bonus points.
- Confirmation from the Department of Education that the L1 Irish specification **will not be made compulsory for students in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools.**
- **That an alternative name be given to the L1 specification** as it will not be limited to students in L1 (Irish-medium and Gaeltacht) schools.
- **That due consideration be given to teachers' concerns over the 5% drop in marks for the oral exam** as proposed in the draft specification.
- **That reading lists and prescribed texts be published immediately** so that the learning outcomes for the specification can be accurately assessed.
- That an Irish language course with a **broad range of resources** in line with *Séideán Sí* at Primary level be developed to support the L1 Junior Cycle specification.
- Provision of **sample examination papers** to assist teachers in their assessment of and feedback on the draft specification.
- **Delay the new L1 specification for the Leaving Certificate until an appropriate course is developed to support the requirements of all students across the country.** A set of learning outcomes alone is not a sufficient guide for teachers in a classroom.
- **That due consideration be given to the feedback, suggestions and concerns of school communities** raised throughout this consultation, and that action be taken accordingly.

**Gaeloideachas requests that the Minister for Education, Norma Foley, meet with us urgently to discuss these issues.**