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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Education Reform(Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

PART VIII

SCHOOLS—GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I

MANAGEMENT OF GRANT-AIDED SCHOOLS

**Annual parents' meeting**

**126.**—(1) The scheme of management for every grant-aided school shall provide for it to be the duty of the Board of Governors to hold a meeting once in every school year (“the annual parents' meeting”) which is open to—

- (a) all parents of registered pupils at the school; and
- (b) such other persons (including assistant teachers at the school) as the Board of Governors may invite.

(2) The purpose of the meeting shall be to provide an opportunity for discussion of—

- (a) the report of the Board of Governors under Article 125;
- (b) the discharge by the Board of Governors, the principal, the board, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (in the case of a Catholic maintained school) and the Department of their functions in relation to the school.

(3) Arrangements made under a relevant provision for the election by parents of parents to be members of the Board of Governors of a grant-aided school may provide for the election to be conducted at the annual parents' meeting.

(4) In paragraph (3) “a relevant provision” means any of the following—

- (a) paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4 to the principal Order;
- (b) paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 5 to that Order;
- (c) paragraph 3(7) of Schedule 6 to that Order;
- (d) paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 7 to that Order;
- (e) paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 8 to that Order;
- (f) paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to this Order.

(5) The scheme of management for every grant-aided school shall include provision regulating the procedure to be followed at any annual parents' meeting.

(6) In its application to a voluntary school referred to in Article 11(8) of the principal Order, this Article shall have effect—

- (a) with the modification mentioned in Article 124(2);
- (b) with the omission of paragraphs (3) and (4).

(7) In its application to a technical secondary school conducted in association with an institution of further education, this Article shall have effect—

- (a) with the modifications mentioned in Article 124(3);
- (b) with the omission of paragraphs (3) and (4).