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**To: Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and Teaching Staff of Post-Primary Schools, Special Schools and Chief Executives of Education and Training Boards (ETBs).**

**Prescribed Material for Leaving Certificate Music Examination 2029, 2030, 2031**

**(For student cohort commencing 5th year in Sept 2027, 2028 & 2029)**

The Department of Education and Youth wishes to inform the management authorities of second-level schools that the attached list includes the prescribed material for Leaving Certificate Music in the academic years 2027-28, 2028-29 and 2029-2030. The prescribed material listed in this circular will be for examination in State examinations in 2029, 2030, 2031.

The Department requests school authorities to bring this circular to the attention of all Music teachers, in particular those teaching student cohorts commencing 5th year in September 2027, 2028 and 2029.

| <b>Title of Piece</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>Composer</b> | <b>Musical Style</b>     |
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| <i>Dido and Aeneas:</i><br>Recitative: Thy Hand, Belinda<br>Aria: When I Am Laid in Earth (Dido's Lament), and<br>Chorus: With Drooping Wings | Henry Purcell   | Baroque Opera            |
| Violin Concerto in A minor,<br>BWV 1041 – Movement I                                                                                          | J.S. Bach       | Baroque                  |
| Erlkönig (Op. 1)                                                                                                                              | Franz Schubert  | Romantic Lied (Art Song) |
| Symphony No. 9 in E minor –<br><i>From the New World:</i>                                                                                     | Antonín Dvořák  | Late Romantic            |



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| Movement IV (Allegro con fuoco)                                                 |                   |                                   |
| Tonight Quintet from <i>West Side Story</i> (Broadway Version)                  | Leonard Bernstein | Musical Theatre                   |
| E.T. Flying Theme from Universal Picture <i>E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial</i> Film | John Williams     | Film Music                        |
| Exploding Stars                                                                 | Linda Buckley     | Contemporary Irish                |
| Exploding Bow                                                                   | Beoga             | Contemporary Irish<br>Traditional |

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