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Hon Susan Close MP

Re: Your Child, Their School, Our Future

Dear parent or carer,

As I'm sure you're keenly aware, education has never been more important for the future of our children.

I would like to reaffirm my commitment to you that South Australian schools will receive the funding and support needed to set our children up for life, citizenship and success.

On Sunday we unveiled our new Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future. We will focus on 5 key areas:

- giving children a head start by continuing to invest in the early years
- focusing on literacy and numeracy to put the basics first these skills are the bedrock of a successful education
- educating students for the jobs of tomorrow as their world will be very different to ours
- help for every student to achieve their best recognising that many factors influence a child's ability to learn well
- supporting our teachers deliver great results with more help in the classroom and more opportunities to develop expert skills.

This plan reinforces the priority this state government places on public education, including an investment of \$2.8 billion on school infrastructure improvements since 2002.

In addition, the state government will invest \$30 million to help an extra 16,000 families on low to middle incomes with the cost of education in public schools.

For more information visit <u>www.yourpublicschool.sa.gov.au</u>. Thank you for supporting our public schools and your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close

Minister for Education and Child Development

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