



SAASSO endorses student-focused funding

Throughout 2008, SAASSO has lobbied for two vital changes to the way your school is funded:

1. That the Resource Allocation Model (the framework that determines how your school is funded) be removed from the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement with the teacher's union.
2. That the existing, teacher-centric, 'step' model be replaced with a flexible, per capita, student-centric model.

Today, DECS announced a new student-centric model for funding our schools. This new model is focused on students, rather than teachers. This will curtail union control over how your schools are funded and place it in the public domain, where it belongs.

The new model puts an end to the ridiculous scenario whereby a difference of just a handful of students can mean a difference in two or three teachers in your school.

The old 'one-size-fits-all model' made it impossible for schools to truly address issues at the local level – the new student-centric model allows the principals, teachers and Governing Councils to fund their local school, in a way that truly benefits their local school.

A student-centric model directs public education funding to the needs of our children.

A student-centric model brings South Australia in line with the rest of the country.

A student-centric model is vital to the success of the Future SACE, Super Schools and true local governance and management of our schools.

To support the new model, DECS is committing extra funds to help schools in the transition. The new model includes \$15 million in additional funding to ensure that no school is compromised.

The new model provides extra protections for teachers and gives them real flexibility to better educate our children. Anyone concerned with student outcomes will welcome this 21st century approach to education funding. SAASSO urges all education stakeholders to put the needs of children first and support this new flexible initiative.

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