



The SAASSO Education Survey - 2008

In 2008, SAASSO will conduct the first comprehensive survey of education since local governance was introduced.

Partnerships 21 was ushered in at the turn of the century. It heralded a new way of running our public schools. At its heart is the involvement of parents and the local community in determining the future of their school.

As we approach the end of the first decade of local governance, where are we really at? Are your children better off? What contributes to the success of local governance? What are the challenges?

The SAASSO Education Survey will deliver a report card for public education in our state.

In this issue of School Post, we test the prognostic abilities of one teacher, one parent and one principal as we put a range of topics to them and ask them to predict what the results of the SAASSO Survey will be.

If you have suggestions or questions you would like considered for the survey, log onto www.saasso.asn.au and complete the online submission.

Otherwise, keep an eye on your pigeon hole in 2008 for your copy of the SAASSO Education Survey. ■

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SAASSO's Role

The South Australian Association of State School Organisations is the peak training, support and advisory body for state school Governing Councils.

SAASSO's Clients

Our clients are the affiliated schools and Governing Councils and pre-school management committees. SAASSO represents more than 90% of state primary and secondary schools.

SAASSO's Purpose

Our purpose is to support Governing Councils acquit their roles & responsibilities, to improve and enhance student well-being and achievement.

SAASSO's Services

Professional Development for Councillors:

The governance of a school is a demanding task, with numerous responsibilities. SAASSO provides a range of training courses, specifically designed to address the skill set required by Governing Councils.

- Governance – School & Pre-School

- School Budget – School & Pre-School
- Out of School Hours Care
- Canteen
- Meeting Procedures
- Aboriginal Participation
- Principal Selection Panel

Advisory Service:

Governing Councils are required to adhere to the Education Act, a constitution and the DECS Administrative Instructions & Guidelines. Pre-schools are bound by the Children's Services Act. The amount of information and legislation can be overwhelming. SAASSO provides, to its Affiliates:

- a repository of useful and required information on the SAASSO website
- up to date information, data and research via School Post
- a telephone advisory service for specific queries.

Representation:

Despite the recent advancements in local governance of schools, there is still much to be achieved. Through its staff and volunteer board, SAASSO represents Governing Councils on

dozens of committees, boards and research bodies to further enhance the quality of education and student well-being in South Australia.

Mediation & Lobbying:

As an independent, not for profit association, SAASSO can work for and on behalf of education and individual Governing Councils in issues with DECS, The Minister and the Federal Government, ensuring that the voice of parents and the needs of local communities are heard.

Grants:

SAASSO is directly involved in several financial education grants and provides expert advice on a range of financial assistance packages available to schools and students.

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