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South Australian Association Of State School Organisations Inc.

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The Hon Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development
GPO Box 1563
Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Minister,

Re: TAFE Crisis - SACE

Parents are concerned about the impact the TAFE SA crisis may have on their children's SACE.

As you are aware, TAFE also provides courses to South Australian high school students; from years 10-12. These courses can gain credits toward a student's SACE.

Minister, you have stated in the media that it is highly likely there are quality problems with more than the 16 courses sampled so far - with more audits to be conducted soon.

Parents are worried about the impact the results of these audits may have on high school students completing - or believing they have completed - their SACE, only to discover they are in fact short required credits.

This could create a raft of problems; for students with not enough time left to complete their SACE; those enrolled in tertiary study based on their SACE; and those who have left school and are working or attempting to find work based on their SACE.

Minister, are there plans in place, which we can convey to parents, to deal with high school children who may yet be caught up in the TAFE SA crisis?

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gino Amato', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gino Amato
President