TO: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

RE: achieverSA™ TRIAL (DECS LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT SOFTWARE)

achieverSA™ is the learner achievement software purchased by the Department of Education and Children’s Services (DECS). This software is an important component in the ongoing implementation of the SACSA framework in schools.

The software was developed to support an outcomes-based approach to teaching and learning and is currently being customised for South Australian schools to include the SACSA framework and ESL Scope and Scales. achieverSA™ will provide valuable support for teachers and schools in monitoring learner achievement, planning curriculum programs and reporting achievements in relation to learning outcomes and standards to learners, parents and the school community.

achieverSA™ is the departmentally selected learner achievement software and will be the only product that is endorsed and supported by the Department. Resource and support arrangements for the implementation of the product have been established as part of the overall implementation strategy.

In term 4, 2002 the software will be trialled in thirty volunteer schools across the state. This trial of the software and its implementation, which will begin in 2003, will be managed within districts, continuing the SACSA implementation partnership between state and district offices. Volunteer trial schools will come from each district and the selection of schools for the term 4 trial will be managed within Groups of Districts.

Further information about the term 4 trial is being sent to you via ds_talk. This information has also been forwarded to schools.

I welcome your support and enthusiasm for this project.

Jennifer Stehn
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