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TO: PRINCIPALS AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

RE: LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT SOFTWARE

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has completed an extensive and rigorous selection process for whole of department learner achievement software. This software 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. Key features of this software are outlined on the next page.

The software will support implementation of the SACSA Framework. A professional development program focussed on using the software to enhance teaching, learning, assessing and reporting will be developed in close consultation with principals' associations, the Australian Education Union and state office.

In term 3 this year, the software will be customised for South Australian schools. During term 4 it will be tested in a range of schools with varying IT infrastructure. Trialing of the software will be conducted in different types of schools across the state during term 4, 2002. Schools will be invited to volunteer to participate in this trialing process. State wide implementation of the software will begin in term 1, 2003, and schools will have an opportunity to identify the most appropriate time to start using the software.

Further information to support school planning will arrive in your school soon. It will provide details about the curriculum objectives, hardware requirements and the implementation strategy.

As purchase of this software represents a significant investment by the department, it will be the only product supported, resourced and maintained by the department. Resource and support arrangements for the implementation of the product have been established as part of the overall implementation strategy.

I believe the purchase of this software represents a significant advance in supporting educators to improve the learning achievement of all students, and would ask you to advise your staff of this initiative.

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