TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS AND CURRICULUM LEADERS

RE: EXPECTATIONS ABOUT USING THE SACSA FRAMEWORK AND FORMAL RECORDING OF CURRICULUM STANDARDS DATA IN 2008

This letter is to inform principals, curriculum leaders, preschool directors and teachers about the requirements for recording of student achievement data using the SACSA Framework in 2008. It builds on the work of 2007 during which schools recorded student achievement data in one Learning Area.

It is intended that in 2008 all teachers are involved and that local decision-making guides how this looks in each school.

Each school will, for all Year 1 to Year 7 students, use the SACSA Framework to formally record SACSA Outcomes and Standards data in three Learning Areas, two of which must be English, Maths or Science using SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software.

Each school will, for all Year 8 to Year 10 students, involve all teachers in formally recording SACSA Outcomes and Standards, using SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software, so that each teacher is recording for at least one Learning Area, with preference given to English, Maths and Science.

All schools are requested to ensure that the SACSA Achievement System software is set up to be operational at the school by the end of Term 1, 2008. For any information regarding the software, please contact Andrew Wells at wells.andrew@saugov.sa.gov.au.

All preschools will use the SACSA Framework to monitor, record and report on children's learning to children and families in each of the eight Developmental Learning Outcomes and provide a summative report when each child exits preschool.

Please keep the accompanying circular (Circular No: 1, December, 2007) for future reference. Further information will be forwarded throughout 2008. For any information regarding the recording or use of SACSA Standards data please contact the Manager, Curriculum Framework, on 8226 4142.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this important work.

Yours sincerely

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