



Government  
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP  
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

Every child deserves access to a great education – one that supports them to learn and thrive.

To achieve this, we need to remove barriers for students with a disability so they receive appropriate support, and we need to give schools extra funding to ensure they have the resources they need.

We've heard from parents, families, teachers and principals, that the application process to receive funding for children with additional needs can be a barrier to effective inclusion.

As such, we are implementing new arrangements from term 1, 2024, to give schools greater autonomy to respond to the needs of their students quickly.

Schools will no longer need to apply for funding to support individual students at Levels 1 to 3. These levels will be abolished, and schools will now automatically receive a grant based on the number of students with a disability.

The changes will mean schools will have access to funding from the start of the year to help plan for staffing, programs and resources that respond to the needs of their students.

It means better, more targeted support to the students who need it the most.

It will see an additional investment of more than \$50m over the next four years to strengthen support for students with disability.

The Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) changes will reduce the workload for our staff while giving teachers and leaders greater autonomy and flexibility over how they use those funds – working with families to get the supports right.

For those children and young people who require intensive support, schools can still apply for additional funding above the grant.

These changes will make a big difference for our students with disabilities and will equip our schools with the resources to better plan for students' immediate and future learning needs.

These improvements will ensure South Australian students with disabilities thrive and prosper in a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment – because they deserve it.

Yours sincerely



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