Dear Principal

I would like to find ways of hearing about students’ experiences of schools. One opportunity to do this has been by spending time with students during my visits to schools. Another opportunity to do so is presented by the South Australia Strategic Plan (the Plan).

I would like to invite your Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their teachers to join me in a real-time, online conversation about the Plan’s target to increase the proportion of young people studying maths and science at school.

As Minister for Education, I want to better understand what motivates our young people to make the subject choices that they do. I am particularly interested in how we can get more students to choose to undertake studies in maths and science.

This conversation with the students will form part of the broader community consultation on the 2010 update of the Plan.

I will be online to discuss this topic and listen to what students say on Thursday, 2 September 2010 between 1.30 and 2.30 but I will also monitor the discussion from time to time following this date.

It will take place on the Plan website at www.saplan.org.au (select the link from the front page). I would warmly welcome your participation in this event. If your school is interested in participating could you please RSVP to Gail Fairlamb, 822 60845 or email fairlamb.gail@dpc.sa.gov.au.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will promote this issue and other issues related to the Plan update through:

- **Facebook**: www.facebook.com/YourFutureSA
- **Twitter**: www.twitter.com/YourFutureSA
- **Flickr**: www.flickr.com/photos/yourfuturesa
- **YouTube**: www.youtube.com/YourFutureSA

Students, staff and parents will be able to continue to submit their views following the conversation, as well as on other topics about the future of education in South Australia.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jay Weatherill MP
**MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**

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