

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (ACSSO)

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PARENTS ENDORSE PLAN FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

The Australian Council of State School Organisation (ACSSO), Australia's peak council for parent and citizen groups, is delighted to support the establishment of the National Education Authority to bring together responsibility for curriculum, testing and reporting at the national level.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education Julia Gillard earlier this month announced the agreement of the members of the Council of Australian Government to form the new authority, a significant step forward for the Education Revolution being promoted by Ms Gillard and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd since their election to government.

ACSSO President Jenny Branch called the establishment of the National Education Authority a victory for common sense.

"It has never made sense to separate testing from curriculum and reporting. ACSSO has been pushing a move like this for some time," Ms Branch said.

"A national curriculum and its implications will be the first item on the agenda for ACSSO's annual National Conference, which opens in Brisbane on 20 October."

"We look forward to including discussion of the National Education Authority at the Conference."

Conference website: <http://www.acsso.org.au/natconf08/>.

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