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The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) met last weekend in Canberra.

During their meeting they also participated in interactive sessions with the Australian Parents Council and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) which covered the current educational issues including Indigenous Education, Early Childhood, the Australian Curriculum and the Low SES national Partnership initiatives.

It was timely that these issues were discussed as ACSSO recently reviewed their strategic plan. This plan incorporates the need to engage in systematic lobbying and advocacy regarding policy development as well as improving the quality of debate and effectively communicating with all stakeholders at all levels.

'We look forward to working along side ACARA in the development of the Australian Curriculum,' said Peter Garrigan, President of ACSSO. 'In particular, we will focus on the national implementation and the implications for parent engagement.'

ACSSO also looks forward to participating in the National Public Education Forum in Canberra on 26th March which will bring together delegations to discuss and debate the future of funding of public education.

Peter further stated that ACSSO will work with its affiliates across the country, bringing together the diverse talents and strengths of parents in their respective organisations.

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