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## Birmo must stay as a new PM is enough for now

The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) congratulates the Hon. Scott Morrison in his new role as the 30<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Australia after a bruising few days for the Liberal party.

With the sudden voluntary departure of so many Ministers we await the Cabinet reshuffle and position appointment process with keen interest – especially the announcement as to who will be the Education Minister in the lead up to the next Federal election; and one that could come sooner rather than later.

“The one constant in all of this has been the Hon. Simon Birmingham – a man that has truly lived up to his prefix and must be given the opportunity finish the job he started with a fair go for all schools, and no special deals for entitled want. To change Minister at such a crucial time, with such complex policy issues at play, would be an obvious display of weakness to the rampaging representatives of non-government schools and systems” Was the response today of the President of ACSSO, Phillip Spratt.

“After the farcical events of last week and the piercingly shrill cry of entitlement from the Catholic Bishops the right wing of the Liberal party appears to have abandoned all pretext of caring about the interests of the students, parents, staff and wider communities of our nation’s fully inclusive public schools

“The new Prime Minister appears to be getting ready to compromise the integrity of Fair, Simple and Transparent, and truly needs based funding agreements with no special deals, with growing speculation around a new special deal for Catholic schools – we urge him to be resolute and resist the temptation to give in to such powerful vested interests

“The National School Resourcing Board has delivered the report on its review of the socio-economic status score methodology in a way that should resolve those issues for non-government sectors. The States and Territories are close to finalising their agreements with the Commonwealth and the children, families, and educators in our nation’s fully inclusive public schools need the certainty and knowledge that their future is secure with no last-minute special deals for non-government schools

“As advocates for public education we may not always agree with the Minister, or his government, but he’s one who will actively engage in discussion, listen and argue policy with a refreshing objectivity. With so much at stake he has to stay and get the job done”

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