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To The Principal
All Western Australian Schools

Dear Principal

I am writing to share the news that Allan Blagaich, Executive Director, School Curriculum and Standards (SCS) has resigned from his position, and I would like to acknowledge his work with schools.

Allan is enjoying a well-earned break from his role and has taken the opportunity to reflect on next steps in his professional life during this time. He has subsequently accepted a new position as Executive Director, Queensland Catholic Education Commission, commencing in mid-September. Allan will complete his time at the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) on Thursday, 8 September 2023. This will bring to a close twelve years of service to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

The Board and I are extremely proud of Allan's leadership of the Authority and the steady hand that he has exercised in his time at the helm. Allan moved to the Curriculum Council (the Council) to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer in May 2011. He brought with him a wealth of experience from roles in the Department of Education, including as Executive Director, Statewide Planning and Executive Director, Metropolitan Schools. Prior to this, he held leadership positions in regional and metropolitan secondary schools.

Allan oversaw the transition of the Council to the Authority in 2012. In 2017, he provided steady leadership when the secretariat of the Authority was amalgamated with the Department of Education as part of Machinery of Government changes, and he became Executive Director, SCS. During these times of transition, Allan stayed focused on delivering a high-quality curriculum that serves all students well. Under Allan's leadership, the Authority has implemented one of the largest curriculum reforms from Kindergarten to Year 12 in the country. He has worked tirelessly with his team to ensure the support of our stakeholders from all school systems/sector and the wider community, particularly teachers.

The Board acknowledges Allan's commitment to ensuring the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) for our senior secondary students and the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* (the *Outline*) for students from Kindergarten to Year 10 are respected nationally and internationally. The curriculum for students from Pre-primary to Year 12 is contemporary, engaging and underpinned by clear standards and principles for assessment. Curriculum development and review is supported by ongoing consultation with teachers through Curriculum Advisory Committees (CACs). Allan has been at the forefront of communicating clearly with schools and teachers about the change that comes from a curriculum that is responsive to the needs of students, teachers, schools and the community in changing and challenging times.

Allan has represented Western Australian education as a board member of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), has chaired the Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities (ACACA) and ACACA's vocational education and training committee.

Juanita Healy is currently Executive Director, SCS while Allan is on leave. I thank both Allan and Juanita for the ongoing smooth delivery of the Authority's work.

On behalf of the Board, I wish Allan all the best with the completion of his leave and the next step in his career.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P White'.

**PAULINE WHITE
CHAIR
SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY**

9 June 2023