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To the Principal
All Schools

Dear Principal

ABILITIES BASED LEARNING EDUCATION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (ABLEWA)

In Semester 1 2015, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) conducted a validation trial of ABLEWA – a project to support teachers with the assessment of students on the basis of their abilities and the effective planning and teaching of students based on their individual learning needs, through explicit guidance material and resources.

The 2015 trial involved 16 schools across the sector/systems in Western Australia ahead of a broader cross-sectorial trial that was undertaken with 108 schools in Semester 2. The project involved the trialling of the *Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES)* curriculum and professional learning modules from the Department of Education and Training, Victoria and an assessment tool from the University of Melbourne. Both trials provided the Authority with critical advice and feedback and assisted the Authority in refining and adapting the resources to suit the Western Australian context.

Today we are pleased to announce the introduction of ABLEWA as an integral part of the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*. The ABLEWA assessment and reporting resources and the professional learning modules are available in the 'Resources' section on the Authority website at: www.scsa.wa.edu.au/ablewa. ABLEWA is not mandated.

As schools and teachers are aware, the *Outline* is the source of Kindergarten to Year 10 curriculum for all Western Australian students. The *Outline* is accessible via the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website <http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home>. The ABLEWA Stages A to D curriculum is now available to teachers within the *Outline*.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the two trials during 2015.

Should you require further information, please contact the Principal Consultant, Policy and Planning via email at ablewa@scsa.wa.edu.au, or by telephone on 9273 6300.

Yours sincerely

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