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Attention: Catherine Story

Dear Mr Kitchin,

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIAL WORK REVIEW - CONSULTATION

I am writing you in regards to the Student Support Services Social Work Review conducted in 2017.

Further to an email I sent to Janet Giles on 31 May 2018, seeking feedback from the PSA on the review recommendations, I note that on 29 June 2018, your Catherine Story provided comprehensive feedback via email. The department gave genuine consideration to the PSA's feedback, and on 26 July 2018 I subsequently responded to all of the issues and concerns raised.

I am now writing to advise that the final recommendations have been endorsed and the department is proposing to implement the recommendations, with a transition over Term 4, 2018.

It should be noted that in response to the PSA's feedback received regarding services to remote areas the social workers in the Pt Lincoln, Pt Augusta and Mt Gambier office will have an additional provision in remote areas to provide an assessment, short term (no longer than 3 months) casework and referral service for vulnerable families only where attendance may not be the presenting issue

It should also be noted that the final endorsed recommendations include no loss of social work positions.

Please find attached a summary of all of the feedback received to date with responses included, a summary of the final recommendations and a copy of the Social Work – Truancy role description that all social work staff will transition into over Term 4, 2018. An induction and training plan for all staff is being developed to assist with this transition period.

Thank you for your feedback as part of the review process.

Please contact me on 8226 1547 should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline McEntee', written in a cursive style.

Pauline McEntee
**DIRECTOR, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
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