

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

ASKED BY: Mr. George MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Jo Palmer MLC – Minister for Education

QUESTION: My constituent Helen Middleton has a question for the Minister for Education regarding her multi-schools organisation plan. Will the CEO of the multi-school organisation be working to upgrade our antiquated year-based model of education to one that more flexibly meets the needs of students? Can you confirm if the multi-schools organisation is a plan, as many teachers believe, to gradually do away with school principals?

ANSWER:

Thank you for passing on this question from your constituent Helen Middleton, I know she is very passionate about education having engaged recently with my office.

We want every Tasmanian child and young person to get the best possible start in life through world-class education, and we are supporting our school leaders and teachers to make that happen.

We are implementing the Multi-School Organisation model for our unique context. Tasmanian Multi-School Organisations have been designed to support our teachers to build the skills needed to meet the needs of each and every Tasmanian student.

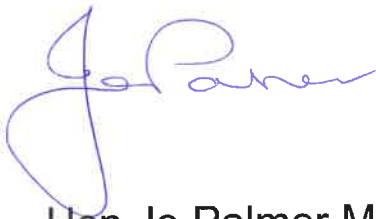
The Chief Executive Officer of MSO1 reports to the Secretary of the Department and is responsible for the strategic direction, operational development and overall performance of their MSO.

Whilst Multi-School Organisations provide a collaborative environment that encourages innovation, the CEO is not responsible for broader system wide policy reform of the nature you are referring to.

Regarding principals, MSOs are there to support principals – not remove them. No part of the model calls for principals to be removed.

The MSO model strengthens support for principals by providing clearer line management through a Chief Executive Officer and dedicated operational support through a Head of Operations. By reducing administrative burden, streamlining processes, and providing targeted leadership and peer support, the model is designed to free up principals to spend more time on what matters most – educational leadership and improving student outcomes.

Yours Sincerely



Hon Jo Palmer MLC

Minister for Education

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