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Dear Minister,

As we combat the most significant health and economic crises in our state's history it is critical that we remain focussed on delivering our commitments to South Australians and developing a strong future for our state.

On our election in March 2018, we set out a Strong Plan for South Australia and Cabinet accepted collective responsibility for its delivery. I am pleased to advise that a substantial majority of our election commitments have already been delivered.

I very much appreciate the collegiate approach all my ministers have taken. Together, we have restored proper Cabinet government processes and established clear lines of accountability for the heads of government agencies to ensure Cabinet decisions and government services are delivered in a timely and efficient manner.

I reiterate the expectations I set out in my charter letter dated 23 March 2018 of high standards of ministerial accountability.

As Minister for Education, I expect you to deliver on the following priorities:

- On-time implementation of Year 7 to secondary school
- Continuing implementation of phonics checks
- Implementation of Entrepreneurial Learning Strategy
- Implementation of \$1.3 billion school building and infrastructure program
- Completion by mid-2020 of Telstra partnership to deliver internet infrastructure to schools
- Implementation of the Education and Children's Services Act 2019
- Introduction of legislation to enshrine the position of Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in the Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Act
- Supporting families to engage with their children's education
- Further capital investment in non-government school sector
- Overhaul of VET
- Rejuvenation of TAFE

- Reform of careers advice
- More students into STEM/emerging industries eg Defence
- Delivery of Technical College

In addition to the specific matters referred to above, you retain responsibility for improving overall standards of education, training and skills development in our State.

Like all other ministers you will have responsibility in your portfolio areas for the development of policies to take into a second term of government, should we be re-elected at the 2022 election.

Serving our State as a member of Cabinet is both a privilege and a responsibility. I look forward to your continuing service as we build a better State and work to improve the lives all South Australians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Marshall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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