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Dear Mr Seidel *Glen*

I refer to your recent correspondence to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, regarding consideration of the education workforce in the prioritisation and rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. As the matters raised fall broadly within my portfolio of responsibility, the Premier has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and respond on his behalf.

The Department for Education follows the expert health advice of South Australia's Chief Public Health Officer, SA Health and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) in responding to the pandemic. This includes advice regarding the national and state rollout and prioritisation of the COVID-19 vaccines.

The vaccine rollout is understandably a matter of concern for the education workforce. Matters of prioritisation currently rest with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and their advice is being implemented through the AHPPC and Australian and State Government channels.

Please be assured that we are and will continue to follow the advice of health experts in ensuring the health and safety of all staff and students during the pandemic and in the rollout of the vaccines.

Yours sincerely

Hon John Gardner MP  
**Minister for Education**

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