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Dear Colleagues

As detailed in my email at the start of Term 4, I am committed to keeping you informed as discussions continue on budget impacts on the Department.

As you would be aware, the Treasurer recently announced further staff reductions across the state service to meet the Government's budget position. This is as a result of the proposed staff pay pause not proceeding.

As a consequence of the Treasurer's announcement, we are currently not in a position to release School Resource Packages and staffing allocations to schools this week; however we will be able to provide schools with indicative allocations by late next week.

To ensure all staff have the opportunity to register their interest for the Workplace Renewal Incentive Program, this process will be opened up again. Further information about this has been circulated.

As part of the budget, it was announced that there will be a move to two Learning Services and more recently, a decision has been made to reduce the number of Principal Network Leaders (PNLs) to six. The roles of both the Learning Services and the PNLs will be discussed at the next principal forums being held in early November.

This is a difficult time and one that presents significant challenges for all of us. However, we are working to ensure that student outcomes and achievements continue to be at the centre of every decision we make.

I ask that you remain focused on our important work in engaging Tasmanians with learning and acquiring the skills they will need throughout their lives. I will continue to communicate with all staff when information is available.

Colin Pettit  
Secretary

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