



The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP

Minister for Education

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NSW JOINS PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FORUM

NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli has announced that NSW has joined a prestigious US-based international school curriculum forum.

“I am pleased to announce that the NSW Department of Education and Communities has accepted an offer to join the Boston-based, not-for-profit Center for Curriculum Redesign,” Mr Piccoli said.

“This is a tremendous honour for NSW, and testament to our decision to appoint an eminent educator, Dr Michele Bruniges, as the Director-General of the Department of Education and Communities.

“The centre brings together non-government organisations, academic institutions, corporations and foundations with the key focus of creating school curriculum that meets the needs of students in the 21st century.

“Prominent centre members include Harvard University, Stanford University, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Finnish Board of Education and the Singapore and Ontario (Canada) Ministries of Education,” Mr Piccoli said.

Dr Bruniges said that the Center for Curriculum Redesign aims to bring a better balance in curriculum between theoretical knowledge and practical skills and to bring together educational leaders so they can work together, pool their expertise and learn from each other.

“In many instances, the centre believes today’s school curriculum is crowded with outdated content,” Dr Bruniges said.

“The centre creates a forum for conversations between experts on a global level to both ‘clean up’ curriculum and determine what must be added to meet 21st century needs.

“The fact that the Department of Education was invited to join this prestigious group of experts is testament to the high quality of New South Wales public school education.

“Centre membership identifies this state as an education leader in Australia and internationally, and I am pleased to accept the invitation on the department’s behalf,” Dr Bruniges said.

“The long-term benefits of participating in and contributing to the centre’s work will considerably assist teaching and learning in New South Wales public schools.”

Founder of the centre, Charles Fadel, said the membership of NSW was very welcome.

“I am delighted that NSW, a key, globally top-ranking jurisdiction, is joining the Center for Curriculum Redesign, which is asking the seminal question: “What should students learn in the 21st century?”

“We need to work globally to better balance relevant knowledge, skills, and character education to meet humanity’s challenges in this century, in order to shape the world we want.”

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