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NTCOGSO Welcomes Plan to Phase Out Middle Years Schooling

NTCOGSO welcomes the Northern Territory Government's move to phase out middle years schooling, delivering on a key recommendation from the Secondary Education Review long supported by Territory families.

The Review, conducted by Deloitte Access Economics in 2023, included consultation with NTCOGSO as a key stakeholder. As the peak parent body, we engaged closely with school bodies during this process, advocating for reform that reflects the needs and aspirations of NT families, particularly those in regional and remote communities.

The government's endorsement of the recommendation to phase out middle schools in favour of comprehensive high schools (Years 7 to 12) is a step forward in creating consistent and connected learning pathways. NTCOGSO supports changes that ensure smoother transitions through secondary school and contribute to better student outcomes.

NTCOGSO has hosted online information sessions on behalf of the department with members of school bodies across the Territory, including from primary schools, to ensure all voices are heard. Tonight's session, scheduled outside regular hours, reflects our commitment to making information accessible to working families.

While we support the reforms in urban centres, NTCOGSO remains firmly focused on the implementation of the Review's recommendations for remote secondary education. Access to high-quality, locally delivered secondary education in remote communities is a critical equity issue. Every student, regardless of location, deserves the opportunity to thrive.

As this reform progresses, NTCOGSO will continue to work in partnership with families, school bodies and government to ensure that parent voices remain central to shaping a stronger and more inclusive education system for all Territory students.

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ABOUT NTCOGSO

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) is the parent representative body that advocates for the interests of government students and schools across the Northern Territory. NTCOGSO works collaboratively with education stakeholders to support the delivery of high-quality education and ensure the well-being and success of NT students.