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TASSO Support the Decision of Families

The Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO) Nigel Jones said, “The ever changing landscape of the pandemic due to COVID-19 is unprecedented and we need to follow the advice of the Director of Public Health Tasmania. It is not our place to second guess the authorities and recognised experts.”

The list of postponed school activities outlined by the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff Minister for Education and Training cited in his media release dated March 15th, 2020, such as parent teacher meetings and advice from the Director of Public Health Mark Veitch on March 16th stating that “Schools should implement a range of strategies to reduce transmission...” And the need to reduce the use of common areas in schools, practice physical distancing and not being able to guarantee the number of people that have the right to attend a School Association AGM, which is all staff and parents, we would strongly advise that School Associations do not proceed with their AGM’s. Further advice will be sent to all School Associations regarding this.

We are supportive of Minister Rockliff’s action of waiving the usual rules around attendance in these unprecedented times.

“TASSO understand if parents and carers want to exercise their right to keep children home from school. Families are best placed to make a considered decision regarding the health and wellbeing for those they care about most. If they decide to keep their children home, we encourage them to notify the school in writing of their child’s absence and enquire if the school has work students can complete and submit whilst away.” – stated TASSO President Nigel Jones

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