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Dear Director

2018 amendments to the list of approved Special Religious Education providers

Fairness in Religions in School (FIRIS) is writing to request information regarding the measures taken by the NSW Department of Education (the Department) to ensure that only authorised representatives of organisations approved by the NSW Minister for Education to provide Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government schools are accessing NSW public school students.

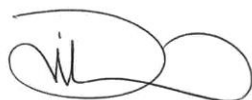
According to FIRIS' records, in 2018 there have been 17 versions of the list of approved providers released by the Department with 27 amendments made over the course of the year.

Of the 27 amendments, ten have been the removal of a provider from the list, and four have been the temporary removal of a provider from the list for periods ranging from approximately 14 to 35 days.

Can you please provide FIRIS with information regarding the measures taken by you, as the Director, Early Learning and Primary Education, your delegates, or any other representative of the Department (excluding principals), to communicate to principals amendments made to the list of approved providers, particularly the removal of a SRE provider from the list, which enable principals to ensure that only authorised representatives of approved SRE providers are accessing NSW Government school students.

FIRIS looks forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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NSW Operations Director

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