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Tēnā koe Gwenna

Thank you for your letter of 24 July 2024 about TESOLANZ's interest in being involved in the curriculum refresh work. I appreciate you taking the time to write.

I acknowledge the important work TESOLANZ does throughout New Zealand to support ESOL educators and to advocate for English language learners in our education system, who I know come from a broad range of backgrounds and have diverse needs.

As you know, work has been underway to update the curriculum as part of my priority to establish a knowledge-rich curriculum that is grounded in the science of learning. The Government's priority areas within the New Zealand Curriculum of English, and Mathematics and Statistics, are being updated at pace. This latest part of the update process has focused on including year-by-year expectations for teaching, to make it clearer what students need to know and when.

These updated learning areas have built on previous versions, which have already had input from the sector and the public. I understand you've previously been involved in the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh Curriculum Voices Group.

I know the Ministry of Education is really keen to seek broader perspectives on the curriculum as it continues to make improvements. TESOLANZ's views would be really valued as these learning areas become available for feedback so that any particular concerns you have can be captured.

Te Reo Rangatira wāhanga ako for Years 0-6, and the Mathematics and Statistics learning area and Pāngarau wāhanga ako for Years 0-8, are now available for feedback on Tāhūrangi at tahurangi.education.govt.nz/consultation-updated-learning-areas. Consultation is open until Friday 6 September. The updated draft English learning area for Years 0-6 is expected to be available for feedback on 26 August.

The Ministry is currently working with writing groups to produce updated content for English and Te Reo Rangatira for Years 7-13, and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau for Years 9-13. These will be ready for feedback in Term 4 this year, with consultation open into early 2025.

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you again for writing, and for your commitment to ensuring the education system and curriculum is inclusive of English language learners. I wish you and everyone at TESOLANZ all the very best.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erica Stanford'.

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