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## Media Release | AGPPA welcomes new Education Minister

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The Australian Government Primary Principals Association (AGPPA) looks forward to working with the newly appointed Federal Education Minister the Honourable Jason Clare.

AGPPA represents over 1.6 million students and 5300 government primary school leaders. Government Primary School communities across Australia are looking to the new Albanese Government to prioritise the investment in public education as a critical lever in delivering long term economic growth. Primary schools play a pivotal role in leading and building communities and fulfilling the aspirations of the nation. Research indicates that school leaders play an instrumental role in ensuring schools have a vibrant culture of learning. In order for this to occur, school leaders need to ensure they stay healthy and current as well as regularly engage in quality professional learning.

Leading up to the federal election, AGPPA identified that for this country to move forward, that any new government needed to listen to the voice of those leading the profession in determining and implementing policy.

AGPPA President Mr Pat Murphy said “we congratulate Minister Clare on his promotion to this critical role in the Albanese Government. Government Primary School Leaders around Australia look forward to working with the Minister in transforming student results by focusing on the early years of primary to ensure every student attains high levels of literacy and numeracy. The most pressing need is for every student in a government school to receive 100% of the Student Resource Standard (SRS) in the next bilateral funding agreements.”

Mr Murphy paid tribute to the shadow education spokesperson for the last six years, Tanya Plibersek; “Tanya has been prepared to listen to the voice of the profession in developing and articulating good education policy that will serve the nation well into the future.” AGPPA wishes Minister Plibersek well in her new role as the Minister for the environment.

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**Pat Murphy | President, Australian Government Primary Principals Association and Queensland Association of State School Principals**

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