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Dear Colleagues

I write to you today specifically to provide clarity for teachers, students and families in relation to Term 2.

I have three key messages:

Education is compulsory in Term 2.

All Northern Territory students are expected to attend school from day one, Term 2, in line with the current advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) to the National Cabinet that schools are safe to remain open.

Exceptions can be made for parents who have informed the school their child will be learning from home.

All students will be supported to ensure their continued participation in quality education. Schools will ensure that all students are participating in their learning, whether that happens at school, at home or through a combination of both.

I must make clear that education in the Northern Territory in Term 2 is compulsory. This is the same for all Australian states and territories, as per the direction from the National Cabinet.

Education delivery in Term 2 will be determined by the school and tailored to the circumstances of students.

School staff have been using their professional development days this week to develop materials to support learning in Term 2.

Many NT schools will operate as normal with students taught by face-to-face delivery.

Some schools will provide learning resources to support students whose families opt to keep them at home through either online learning or the printed Keep Kids Learning packs.

Decisions regarding the response to COVID-19 in the schooling sector will continue to be informed by National Cabinet and NT Health.

The Department of Education will continue to act on advice from Australian and Northern Territory health experts, which is currently that schools and early childhood education and care services are safe to attend.

Finally, to my fellow educators, I am aware of the many challenges you are facing on a day to day basis and I take this opportunity to affirm my respect and extend thanks for the resilience and commitment you demonstrate in these unprecedented times.



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I urge you to stay in touch with your representative organisations such as the Australian Education Union NT, CPSU, NT COGSO and the Northern Territory Principals' Association who continue to provide sound advice to the COVID-19 Education Advisory Group.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Selena Uibo".

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