

# Disability Education Reference Group

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Monday 22 March 2021

10:00 – 11:30am

220 London Circuit

## Communiqué

Members in attendance were representatives from the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations; ACT Principals Association; Advocacy for Inclusion; Australian Association of Special Education; Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority; Imagine More; Carers ACT; the University of Canberra; Community Services Directorate, Office for Disability; and the ACT Education Directorate.

The Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Yvette Berry, the Director-General of the Education Directorate, Katy Haire and the Deputy Director-General System Policy and Reform Deb Efthymiades also attended the meeting. This was an opportunity for the Minister to meet members and discuss strengthening inclusive education in ACT schools.

Topics discussed to support students with a disability in ACT public schools included:

- Strengths based approaches and high expectations
- Inclusive school cultures and communities
- Curriculum access and reasonable adjustments
- Enrolment, appraisals of need and Individual Learning Plans
- Work experiences and connecting employers with families
- Partnering with parents and carers
- Workforce capability, professional learning and pre-service teaching experience

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 May 2021

Venue: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (pending covid restrictions)