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## A MESSAGE FROM NESA'S CEO

In the face of the unprecedented challenges created by COVID-19, teachers and school communities have been extraordinary. You have supported students and ensured that they continue to learn. The professionalism and dedication of school educators in adapting to a constantly changing environment has been inspirational. Thank you.

During the same period, the NSW Government responded to the NSW Curriculum Review final report. The Curriculum Reform has started: NESA is working with teachers and other stakeholders to deliver a new K-12 Curriculum by the end of 2024.

One of the best ways we can support you is to provide an updated, improved and streamlined Curriculum that trusts and values your professional judgment – something you asked for and deserve.

You are probably aware that the Curriculum Reform includes an ambitious timeline, including:

- **Building strong foundations for future learning by 2022**  
New English and mathematics syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2.
- **More time for teaching by 2022**  
Less time on extra-curricular topics and issues, and compliance requirements.
- **Strengthening post-school pathways by 2022**  
New learning areas for Years 11 and 12 that clearly link learning to future employment and study options.
- **A new curriculum from 2024**  
New syllabuses focused on what is essential to know and do in early and middle years of schooling, and key learning areas in the senior years.

NESA will continue to engage closely with all stakeholders, including the Professional Teachers' Council NSW. Any new Curriculum needs to be teachable. That means it needs to work for you. Please visit the [NSW Curriculum Reform website](http://nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au) [nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au] to see updates and progress, and ways in which you can engage.

This is the first Curriculum Reform in 30 years, and it's an amazing opportunity to make a difference.

Yours,

Paul Martin, CEO, NSW Education Standards Authority