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RE: Invitation to address all NSW Catholic Secondary Schools Monday 9 November 2015

I write on behalf of the Catholic Secondary Schools Association NSW (CSSA) which is the official church body which represents all Catholic Secondary schools in NSW.

CSSA provides two key services to NSW Catholic schools being the production of the annual Trial HSC Exams, these exams are also accessed by many NSW Government and Independent Secondary Schools, and secondly, CSSA hosts two major state-wide critical issues forums each year.

On the 5\textsuperscript{th} June last CSSA hosted a state-wide forum on the topic “Linking Assessment, Data Management and Effective Teaching”.

Planning is now underway to hold a forum on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} November 2015 focusing on: “Consolidating the Australian Curriculum and addressing the STEM Challenge”.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to give the opening address to our 9\textsuperscript{th} November 2015 forum. The timing for your address would be 9.15am to 10am with 5 to 10 minutes for Q+A.

This forum will attract some 200 senior school personnel drawn from 135 NSW Catholic secondary schools and their related Diocesan offices.

Input is also being sought from both the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and the office of the Chief Scientist.

Finally should you personally be unable to address our forum I would be grateful if you could nominate a representative to address the forum.

The forum will be held at the Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street Sydney.

CSSA would be happy to meet any travel costs.

Please ring if you wish to discuss this invitation, (02) 9287 1520.

Regards,

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