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**Choice and Affordability Fund work plan**

**2020-2021**

**Association of Independent Schools of the ACT Inc**

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## Choice and Affordability Fund

### AISACT – Work plan 2020-2021

#### Summary

The Association's Strategic Intent guides the decisions and work of the Association, and articulates the key directions needed to achieve the Association's goals.

This Choice and Affordability Work plan 2020 – 2021 articulates our intent to plan for the future activities and distribution of the fund to the schools it is agreed the Association will represent under this fund.

To this end, AISCT will provide a range of programs, beginning in January 2022, and opportunities for schools to be supported from the Choice and Affordability Fund.

Future work plans will be developed during 2021 in consultation with represented schools to support the national priorities. During this planning, appropriate activities will be developed to support the implementation of the following national priorities:

a) Choice and affordability of schools

The Choice and Affordability Fund will provide funding for initiatives that facilitate parental choice and opportunity giving parents the ability to choose an affordable school that will best suit their individual child.

b) Transition assistance

The Choice and Affordability Fund incorporates the National Adjustment Assistance Fund, which was established to provide transition funding support for non-systemic independent schools. This means NGRBs will provide financial and other transition support for schools that would have met the criteria to have access to support through the National Adjustment Assistance Fund; that is, non-systemic independent schools which are expected to experience reductions in per student funding due to changes in Commonwealth recurrent funding settings over 2020 to 2029. The Choice and Affordability Fund will also provide support for schools in general to transition to a new capacity to contribute model for recurrent funding.

c) Special circumstances funding

The Choice and Affordability Fund will support schools and students impacted by special circumstances or in priority areas such as rural, regional and remote locations and areas affected by drought or other natural disasters.

d) Strengthening outcomes for schools and educationally disadvantaged schools and students

The Choice and Affordability Fund will support initiatives that strengthen outcomes for schools such as helping underperforming schools improve outcomes, including through school industry partnerships, and supporting educationally disadvantaged schools and students.

e) Student wellbeing and support

Student wellbeing is essential for both academic and social development. The Choice and Affordability Fund will support schools that require additional assistance to ensure safe, supportive and respectful learning environments.

- f) Other priorities identified by the Minister from time to time.

**Summary of budget**

Priority <sup>1</sup>	Activities/Initiatives	Expenditure type <sup>2</sup>	Choice and Affordability funding <sup>3</sup>	
			2020	2021
All priorities	<i>Association will resource appropriate /additional staffing (using allowed administrative costs)to plan for the future activities and distribution of the fund</i>	Centralised		
Administrative costs <sup>4</sup>			\$8,266	\$8,547
TOTAL			\$8,266	\$8,547

If funding is intended to be deferred and spent in later years, please provide a proposed 10 year profile and rationale for the expenditure of funds in future years:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
<u>NGRB's estimated funding allocation as advised by the department</u>	\$413,319	\$427,372	\$441,902	\$456,926	\$472,462	\$488,526	\$505,136	\$522,310	\$540,070	\$558,432
<u>Deferred expenditure profile</u>	\$8,266	\$8,547	\$647,872	\$662,895	\$678,431	\$694,495	\$505,136	\$522,310	\$540,070	\$558,432

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**Initiative/activity:** The Association will resource appropriate /additional staffing (using allowed administrative costs) to plan for the future activities and distribution of the fund

**Relevant national/local priority:** Consideration of all national priorities will be undertaken

#### **Description:**

AISACT will develop a program of activities and support mechanisms to be made available to all represented schools through either application for inclusion in the program or those schools which are identified as meeting specific criteria.

<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>Expected outcomes</b>	<b>Indicators of success</b>
Choice and Affordability Funding: \$16,813	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suite of planned programs, support mechanisms, and funding distribution models to those schools who are eligible to receive support</li><li>• Appointment of appropriate staff</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application process developed and advertised to all represented schools for participation in planned programs</li><li>• Allocation schedule for future funding to schools under support programs established</li></ul>