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UNIVERSAL ACCESS ROLLOUT 2010

In response to queries from schools, we wish to advise that kindergarten programs will increase from 11 to 15 hours a week beginning in 2010. By 2013 all kindergartens (public and private) in Western Australia will offer 15 hour programs.

In our schools this initiative is being managed by the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning. It will be funded through the Australian Government's Universal Access initiative as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education.

By 2013, the Universal Access initiative will achieve the following:

- the hours of kindergarten will be increased from 11 to 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year; and
- all kindergarten-aged children in Western Australia will be guaranteed a place at their local kindergarten.

While implementation details are still being finalised it is anticipated that:

- the rollout will occur district by district;
- approximately 25% of schools will be added each year; and
- the timing of a district's inclusion will be based on proportion of educational disadvantage.

As soon as the rollout schedule has been endorsed, schools and districts will be notified.

More information will be available on the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning website in Term 3, 2009.

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