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## A BOLD NEW DIRECTION - TUTORS IN SCHOOLS

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"Flat-lining NAPLAN results indicate that something new is required. Perhaps mainstream educational bodies need to harness the capacity of accredited tutors", said Mohan Dhall ATA CEO speaking after the revelation today that NAPLAN result have not improved in 7 years. He said, "Levels of illiteracy and innumeracy have not changed despite the excellent work of schools generally and educators specifically. The best aspects of education encourage critical and creative thinking. So it seems to me that this approach needs to be brought to our education sector with a radical rethink of how best to support the children most in need"

## **ATA Charity**

In recognition of the fact that students continually miss out the ATA has set up a world first charity precisely to assist students who are most at risk. The criteria for eligibility are being finalised however it is expected that NAPLAN results will be an element included in assessment of which students are most in need.

Dhall said that "accountability through a charity could help designate specially trained tutors to work in schools with teachers for the benefit of students. Tutors directed by teachers would be a fairly basic starting point."

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