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The national voice of parents of children in Australia's public schools and their school communities

Missing in budget – Increased Education funding

“It is clear from tonight’s budget that education, and in particular public education is not a priority for this government” this is the response this evening from Margaret Leary, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) on hearing the delivery of the 2015 Federal budget.

“No mention of the needs based funding past the initial four years will see our schools not have the resourcing they need to meet world class 21st Century learning”

Most disappointingly, there is no increase in the loadings for students with disability; “The Federal government previously promised to increase the loadings for these young people, instead we see no incremental change from last year’s budget” Ms Leary continued

“Increase in funding for students with disability is essential to assist in providing the additional resources that allow them to access curriculum necessary to meet their individual learning programs.”

Vital early learning for our most vulnerable young people has been overlooked with non-working parents being denied access to childcare rebates. “All childcare centres deliver on the Early Learning Framework – this budget means those young people whose parents stay at home are denied the opportunity and access to crucial early learning programs” she continued

ACSSO is pleased to see the government’s ongoing commitment to parent engagement in education to the tune of \$5million. “As leaders in this arena we look forward to a significant share in this budgetary item to continue our vital work in research and resource development for schools and communities engage parents in their child’s education”

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