



# Full



# Funding

# Matters

**WE SUPPORT 100% FUNDING FOR 100% OF SCHOOLS**



## **P&C ASSOCIATIONS NSW**

We're asking all P&Cs in NSW to join in passing a resolution to support the full funding of public schools in NSW.

Together our voices are stronger



## **PARENTS AND CARERS**

We are inviting all parents and carers in NSW to show their support of full funding by signing our petition.

Scan the QR code to sign



## **FOR EVERY CHILD**

We have joined in supporting the For Every Child campaign. We will be sharing resources and upcoming initiatives they have planned. For more information, visit

[www.foreverychild.au](http://www.foreverychild.au)



## **ADVOCATING FOR YOU**

We are making the most of our opportunities to speak directly with politicians and media outlets.

Your support helps us act for you

For P&C Association Officers

## **An overview of the public school funding issue**

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### **Our commitment to full school funding**

The P&C Federation is committed to supporting full funding from government for all public schools in NSW. We believe that this is a core responsibility of our governments which must be fulfilled to allow our young people to flourish.

More than ten years ago, the Gonski report outlined the School Resourcing Standard (SRS) which is the *minimum* financial support required to support schools. The SRS is the level of funding required to enable 80% of students to reach learning outcomes that meet the national minimum standard in NAPLAN for reading and numeracy. Currently 98% of public schools in NSW are not fully funded to this level.

In the Constitution of The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales our objects include “to work in the interests of students and parents of students in NSW Government Schools” and we believe that supporting the full funding of our schools is an essential part of our mission.

### **Full funding means**

- New and upgraded facilities and technology
- More teachers and smaller class sizes
- Intensive support and assistance for children with additional needs
- Programs for students falling behind to help them to succeed
- Improved student wellbeing with more resources
- One on one support for students

### **What you can do**

We are requesting all P&C Associations across NSW to pass a resolution that states their commitment to full funding of public schools. This resolution is a declaration of your support and it also enables us to present your priorities in our policy and advocacy work.

We are also asking all parents and carers of public school students in NSW to indicate their support for full funding by signing our online petition. We will be sharing more about this in our emails, social media posts, and on our website in the coming weeks. We would value your support in sharing this initiative within your school, parents groups and online communities.

# How to pass a resolution to support full funding

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- Step 1** Add to the agenda of your next upcoming meeting the motion to pass a resolution to support full funding
- Step 2** Distribute supplied materials so that P&C members are informed ahead of the discussion
- Step 3** Set out the case for full funding, supplied in relevant document
- Step 4** Take any questions and refer to FAQs provided to help in responses
- Step 5** Vote on the resolution to officially support the full funding of government schools
- Step 6** Record in meeting minutes
- Step 7** Visit the Member Portal to indicate an affirmative resolution

For meeting agenda

## **The purpose and Importance of School Funding**

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### **Issue**

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On average, each student is missing out on \$2,000 of funding each year.

The School Resourcing Standard (SRS) is the minimum a government should provide for the schools and students who are dependent on them, and yet the vast majority of schools and students in NSW are missing out.

### **Purpose**

We are asking all P&C Associations across NSW to pass a resolution that declares they support full funding for our public schools. This is an act of solidarity that will bolster and enable our advocacy on behalf of parents and carers. This resolution highlights education funding as a core issue for parents of children in public schools and reflects our collective commitment to see it improved.

### **Importance**

As an independent organisation the decision of your P&C Association to the full funding campaign is entirely your choice, but the Federation of P&C Associations strongly encourages your support of this resolution. Underfunding of public schools contributes to lacking infrastructure, teacher shortages, missing school supplies, IT equipment, dirty and broken toilets, faulty air conditioners and a variety of other issues. We want the best possible start for our young people and for their education to be fully resourced, valued and funded. We believe that this should be the government's top priority.

## Answers to potential questions

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1. Q: Why should P&C Associations get involved in this issue?

A: We believe that this issue is not only crucial for all public schools in NSW but a fundamental good for everyone. As we invest in the education of our young people we are investing in the future of our state and country. We are asking for the NSW and Federal governments to meet their baseline levels of funding they have identified themselves. We are speaking on behalf of public school parents to ask the governments to financially support our schools.

2. Q: Is there a risk to taking a stance on funding?

A: No, we do not believe that there is any risk associated with supporting full funding. The level of funding we are requesting is the minimum requirement to see 80% of students meet minimum reading and numeracy standards. We consider this issue to be above party politics and something that will attract the united support of parents, teachers and the wider community.

3. Q: Do we have to pass the motion in the affirmative?

A: No, it's completely up to your P&C to decide how to vote. There is no pressure from the P&C Federation, we support your decision whatever the outcome.

4. Q: Will this resolution make a difference?

A: The P&C Federation is committed to advocating for all parents, carers, and families in our public schools. As a representative voice of Parents and Carers, we are enabled in that work by you voicing your support of this important issue.

# FUNDING RESOLUTION

2024

RESOLUTION PASSED BY

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*We call upon the governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of New South Wales to bring all public schools in this state up to no less than 100% of the School Resource Standard by Year One of the new National School Reform Agreement that is due to be signed by Ministers in 2024. It is the duty of government to provide our children with a free, equitable and high-quality education, and full funding for our schools is essential to carrying out this duty. Our children deserve nothing less.*

SIGNED

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