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COALITION VULNERABLE AS VOTERS IN NSW MARGINALS SHIFT TO PARTIES BACKING GONSKI SCHOOLS' FUNDING.

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Polling in key NSW marginal seats indicates that the pro-Gonski vote has firmed since a similar poll prior to the Federal Budget and reveals the Coalition is in trouble over its failure to back the Gonski needs-based schools' funding model.

A ReachTEL poll of 3777 voters commissioned by the NSW Teachers Federation on Monday night (June 20) in the electorates of Dobell, Lindsay, Macquarie, Eden-Monaro, Gilmore and Page reveals a further swing to Labor on a two-party preferred basis because of their pro-Gonski platform.

RechTEL poll results

	19-Apr		20-Jun	
	Coalition	Labor	Coalition	Labor
Dobell	49	51	47	53
Lindsay	49	51	46	54
Macquarie	50	50	46	54
Eden-Monaro	51	49	45	55
Gilmore	53	47	47	53
Page	44	56	46	54

The results show a sharp shift in voter sentiment towards candidates and parties that are backing the continuation of Gonski schools funding.



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"These seats in NSW have been the target of a long-term campaign by community groups, parents, principals and teachers in support of the continuation of the Gonski funding reforms," said NSW Teachers Federation President Maurie Mulheron.

"And it's clear from the polling that education is an election issue that parents are very concerned about and we are calling on them to vote for candidates who are committed to funding the full Gonski agreement," Mr Mulheron said.

"We are disappointed that Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has turned his back on education by refusing to fund Gonski."

Mr Mulheron said voters had a clear choice this election about which parties valued education.

"The education community has been running radio, television, print advertising and billboards in each of these marginal electorates. We have also been touring Gonski mobile billboards through these electorates to remind parents and voters what students will lose if Gonski funding is brought to a premature end."

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