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GONSKI ESSENTIAL FOR ENSURING HSC REFORMS

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The NSW Teachers Federation welcomes today's announcement by Education Minister Adrian Piccoli that a standards guarantee will apply to the award of the Higher School Certificate.

Acting President, Gary Zadkovich, said: "Requiring and supporting all students to achieve a higher standard in literacy and numeracy will preserve the quality of the HSC as a world class credential.

"To achieve this, however, the Turnbull Government must honour the Commonwealth's commitment to fully funding the NSW Gonski agreement.

"Gonski funding is essential if all students are to receive the support they need to achieve this literacy and numeracy standard.

"While encouraging more students to study Maths at a higher level and offering a Science Extension course are positive steps, it is imperative that we maintain balance in the curriculum and have a complete range of learning opportunities that reflect the diverse skills and needs of all our students.

"A stronger emphasis on STEM subjects should not undermine the social, cultural and economic benefits gained through the study of the broad range of subjects, including those in the humanities and arts at Extension levels.

"Steps to reduce student stress in assessments are also welcomed."

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