

# Dear Mr O'Farrell,

All educational change needs to be centred on the educational needs of students.  
All educational change needs to be conducted in an atmosphere of certainty and trust.  
In our time of dramatic change we call on the Premier and Minister for Education to support our Charter to build guarantees for all of the students and school communities of NSW.

## The Putting Students First Charter

The NSW government guarantees that for the life of our first term in government, when making any changes to the NSW education system, we will always put students first. In particular we guarantee:

- Class sizes will not be increased
- Funds for public education will not be reduced in real terms
- There will be no overall decrease in the level of permanent teaching positions
- There will be no overall decrease in the level of school executive staffing
- The current harmonious award system will be maintained
- There will be no decrease in the level of specialist teaching positions in our schools
- School executive structures will continue to be determined by curriculum need and the number of students at each school
- Key decisions at the school level will be made cooperatively by principals, teachers and parents

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Barry O'Farrell, NSW Premier

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Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister for Education

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