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Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, BA, DIntS, MCom, MP
Premier of New South Wales
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Dear Premier

Re: NSW National Education Reform Agreement (the NSW Gonski agreement)

On behalf of the parents, citizens, principals and teachers in more than 2200 public school communities across New South Wales, our organisations encourage you to hold firm to the NSW Government's commitment to securing the Gonski needs-based funding model for our students.

It has caused grave concern across our state and nation that this commitment is not being matched by the Federal Government. Its attempts to renege on honouring the full terms of the NSW Gonski agreement are continuing.

With the final two years of the NSW Gonski agreement not yet fully funded by the Federal Government, moves to abrogate this responsibility have placed NSW public schools at the crossroads. Either our students will receive the funding necessary to meet their educational needs and our schools will reach the national school resource standard, or they will not.

We therefore appeal to you as Premier to act on your supportive public statements by rejecting alternative models with reduced funding and demanding that the Federal Government honour its obligations under the NSW Gonski agreement. We urge that this position be put by you and NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes at any events prior to and after the 9 May Federal Budget, including meetings of the Education Council and the Council of Australian Governments.

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This action will not only be widely respected and greatly valued by NSW public school principals, teachers, parents and citizens, it will be matched by concerted community campaigning by our organisations, for as long as it takes, to secure the fully funded Gonski model for current and future generations of students.

We thank you for your efforts to date and wish you every success in this most important endeavour.

Yours sincerely




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