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## NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION MEDIA RELEASE

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# NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ROBBED OF PROPER SUPPORT UNDER SAVAGE FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS.

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The Federal Budget has confirmed the Turnbull Government's intention to abandon the Gonski needs-based model and make massive cuts to funding to public schools across the country, Joan Lemaire Acting President NSW Teachers Federation said.

The existing NSW Gonski agreement delivers the bulk of additional funding for NSW public schools in 2018 and 2019. This funding would have meant all NSW public schools would have achieved the Schooling Resource Standard by 2019. Turnbull's cuts will mean schools may never meet the standard and will remain under resourced.

Joan Lemaire said public schools were already delivering great results from Gonski funding and have plans in place to provide even more individual support and assistance to students.

"Turnbull's plan is not fair and will fail to provide the learning opportunities that so many of our students with learning needs require in order to achieve their full potential," Ms Lemaire said.

"Spreading the funding out over 10 years effectively means every student in Year 6 to Year 11 will not see the full benefits of the funding which would have flowed in the next two years under the original agreement.

"The funding provided in the original agreement would have vastly increased access to individualised learning programs and specialist staff, more literacy and numeracy support and additional teaching and learning resources.



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“Students’ with disability have been denied the essential support they need by the Turnbull Government, which would have been provided under the original agreement.”

Under this agreement, 80% of extra funding over the next two years was meant to go to public schools, but now they’ll get less than 50%.

“Cutting billions of dollars from public schools is an attack on our most vulnerable children,” Ms Lemaire said.

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