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MEMO: To all School Principals
RE: Changes in Commonwealth Indigenous Education Funding
FROM: The AEU Principals' Committee

Dear Colleague

Recent changes to Commonwealth Indigenous Education Funding through the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program (IESIP) and the Indigenous Education Direct Assistance (IEDA) program to schools with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have, in many schools, destroyed support for Indigenous students and their families.

In light of these changes we are requesting that you complete the attached survey, outlining the Indigenous-specific funds that your school may have lost, the diminution of programs that your school can no longer provide and the corresponding numbers of Indigenous students and parents who are affected by these changes.

We are requesting that you return this information to the AEU by Monday, 1st August, 2005. Please make the information available to your school council and ask for them to meet, along with affected parents and students, with your local member of the Federal Parliament.

Present these facts to your local member, leave your Federal parliamentary representative with a short statement, including the educational and social impacts of the changes, and ask that this information is passed on to the Federal Minister for Education, Dr Brendan Nelson.

Please forward a copy of this information to the Federal Aboriginal Education Officer at the Australian Education Union, 120 Clarendon St, Southbank, VIC 3205, by Monday, 1st August, 2005.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Neil Free'.

Neil Free
Chairperson
Australian Education Union
Principals' Committee

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Pat Byrne
Federal President
Australian Education Union



Survey on Impacts of Changes to Commonwealth Indigenous Education Funding

1. Name of Your School _____
2. State/Territory _____
3. Number of Indigenous enrolments _____
4. Did your school have an ASSPA committee? Yes No
5. What amount of funding did your school receive for ASSPA? _____
6. Has your school received funding under the Parent School Partnerships Initiative (PSPI)? Yes No
7. Is it more or less funding than received under ASSPA? _____
8. What is the difference in funding between ASSPA and PSPI? _____
9. Please state the impacts that the changes in funding have had on Indigenous parent participation in your school

10. Did your students access the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme? Yes No
11. How many people were employed in your school using funds from this scheme? _____
12. How many of the employees were Indigenous? _____
13. How many students accessed this scheme? _____
14. Does your school now access the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme? Yes No
15. How many people are now employed in your school using funds from this scheme? _____
16. How many of these people are Indigenous? _____
17. How many students access this scheme? _____
18. Please state the impacts that the changes to ATAS/ITAS have had in your school

19. Does your school access Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program (IESIP) funding? Yes No
20. Has your IESIP funding for this year increased or been reduced? _____
21. By how much? _____
22. Please state the impacts that the changes to IESIP funding have had in your school

Please feel free to comment on other elements or issues on an attached sheet of paper.

Please fax this survey to Darcel Moyle, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer, Australian Education Union, on 03 9693 1805 or email it to DMoyle@aeufederal.org.au by Monday, 1st August, 2005