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Labor moves to fairer schools funding

The Australian Education Union (AEU) today applauded the Australian Labor Party's pledge to inject \$1.9 billion into the public education system.

Pat Byrne, Australian Education Union Federal President, said the AEU believed that this package would promote greater equity and accountability across schools.

"The Labor Party has today taken a major step towards its promise to make public education a national priority. The AEU has long advocated for greater resources for the public education system," Ms. Byrne said.

"Today's announcement by the ALP establishes a common resource standard for all schools against which funding is measured."

"This policy promises greater fairness in federal funding – it places the needs of the public education system at its centre, and recognises that the public system must be a quality system and not merely a safety net," Ms. Byrne said.

"Mark Latham and the Labor party have today delivered a policy that gives future federal governments a clear responsibility to contribute towards the achievement of that resource standard.

"This policy will ensure that the 6,900 Australian public schools are better resourced through a fairer system of funding.

"Parents now have a clear choice in this Federal election between the Howard Government's unfair system and the ALP policy which will end the discrimination against public schools which is inherent in the current system," Ms. Byrne said.

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