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MEDIA ALERT

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National Principals Survey - 'Inadequate Resources Threaten Quality Public Education!'

Australian Principals have said in the latest AEU "State of our Schools Survey" that Public Education in Australia is massively under-resourced.

The Australian Education Union's "State of Our Schools Survey" shows that major issues confronting schools include increased workloads for teachers and principals, inadequate resources to ensure quality program delivery and increased demand on school-raised funding.

"OECD data shows that the Australian schools are world class with our students rated second for literacy and third for numeracy and scientific numeracy. This survey shows teachers and principals are maintaining quality through increased workloads and parents are funding essential programs and facilities through school fetes and voluntary contributions.

AEU Federal Secretary, Rob Durbridge said "The survey shows that public education is under funded and as a result there is a lack of resources in Australian class rooms. 68% of principals across the country have indicated that they do not have sufficient and appropriate resources to ensure quality program delivery in their school."

"In the secondary sector 76% of principals have indicated that they have teachers working outside their area of expertise, in primary and secondary schools class sizes are continuing to grow and the common denominator in all of this is a lack of funding from the Federal Government.

"Understandably 79% of Principals rate the Federal Government's performance in education as Poor or Very Poor.

"Public education delivers education to two thirds of Australian students yet despite this, the Federal Government only provides one third of its funding to the sector," Mr. Durbridge said.

Media Opportunity:

Federal Secretary Rob Durbridge will launch the AEU's "State of our Schools Survey" tomorrow, Friday 18 June.

When: 11.00am
Where: AEU Federal Office
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