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NOT A CENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM HOWARD GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

The Howard Government's latest education announcement is poor policy and lacks vision, said the Australian Education Union today.

"We need a bold vision to dramatically increase investment in public education for the common good," said AEU Deputy Federal President, Angelo Gavrielatos.

"Howard's announcement today provides no additional funding for public education."

"The key role for the Federal Government should be to ensure every child has access to a public school of the highest quality in every community.

"Instead they have chosen to subsidise private school fees and further entrench the disadvantage created by 11 years of unfair funding policies.

"Public schools are now receiving a smaller share of federal funding than ever before.

"The first choice every parent should have is for their child to receive a high quality free education at a public school in their community.

"But the Howard Government's funding policies are taking this choice away."

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