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EDUCATION FUNDING SYSTEM FATALLY FLAWED

The Rudd Government must commit urgent new funding to counter the negative effects of the current distorted and corrupt school funding system.

Australian Education Union Federal President Angelo Gavrielatos said:

“New evidence from a leaked government report shows that private schools will receive \$2.7 billion more than they are entitled to under an already distorted and corrupt funding formula.

“Around 60% of private schools receive extra funding under the “No losers” policy instituted by the previous Federal Government.

“Reports today also show that many private schools are exploiting a loophole that allows new schools to receive increased federal funding by claiming they are a campus of a parent school.

“The public system is under-funded by nearly \$3 billion annually while over-funding of private schools is set to cost taxpayers \$2.7 billion over the next four years.

“The Rudd Government must immediately review funding arrangements with a view to abandoning this system that wrongly delivers billions of taxpayer dollars to schools that are not entitled to it.

“They must also act quickly to address areas of specific need with targeted funding.

“The AEU is calling for \$2.9 billion to address the current shortfall in federal public school funding, underpinned by targeting funding to address areas of need.

“Public school teachers are continuing to fulfil their responsibility by ensuring students can reach the highest standards possible.

“We call on the Federal Government to fulfil their responsibility by properly funding the public schools system.”

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