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ILL-CONCEIVED, MISGUIDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS MUST BE REDIRECTED

The Australian Education Union (AEU) calls on the Rudd Government to redirect a number of Howard Government programs which were driven by ideology rather than sound education policy.

Angelo Gavrielatos, Federal President of the AEU said, "in addition to significant additional targeted funding for public schools, ill-conceived and misguided programs such as the *National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers*, *Chaplaincy* and *Summer School* programs should be redirected to better meet student literacy and welfare needs and teacher professional development requirements."

"The total money attached to these programs needs to be better targeted."

"While supporting the redirection of these programs we will not tolerate the loss of any money from the education budget." said Mr Gavrielatos.

Government research shows that public schools are underfunded to the tune of \$2.9 billion per annum.

A list of programs and funding that should be redirected include:

National Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers

\$457.4 million over 4 years from 2007.

2007-08	\$70.9m
2008-09	\$120.9m
2009-10	\$131.4m
2010-11	\$131.4m

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Chaplaincy Program

\$165 million over three years from 2006-07 to 2009-10

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/policy_initiatives_reviews/key_issues/school_chaplaincy_programme

Australian Government Summer Schools for Teachers

[from Schools 'Realising Our Potential' package in 2007-08 Budget]

\$101.7 million over four years

2007-08	\$30m
2008-09	\$24.8m
2009-10	\$23.2m
2010-11	\$23.6

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Teaching Australia

\$30 million over the five years from 2005 to 2009

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/professional_skills_leadership/teaching_australia.htm

Values Education

Funding announced in the 2004 budget to support values education in Australian schools through a number of initiatives over four years (2004–2008).

\$34.6m over four years from 2004.

2004-05	\$6.5m
2005-06	\$10.5m
2006-07	\$8.9m
2007-08	\$8.8m

Rewarding Schools for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes

[from Schools 'Realising Our Potential' package in 2007-08 Budget – direct payments to individual schools as rewards]

\$53.2 million over four years

2007-08	\$2.2m
2008-09	\$17m
2009-10	\$16.9m
2010-11	\$17m

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