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### **AEU Welcomes Funding Review**

The Australian Education Union today welcomed the Federal Government's move to initiate a review of schools funding.

AEU Federal President, Angelo Gavrielatos said the review represents one of the most important chapters in the history of schools funding in Australia.

"This is a chance to finally get rid of the Howard Government's funding system that favours private schools," Mr Gavrielatos said.

"This review will be about the rights of Australian families and the obligation of governments.

"It is the right of every family to have access to a well resourced, high quality public school in their local community.

"That means sufficient qualified teachers and staff to meet the needs of students, a broad curriculum of the highest quality and a safe, modern 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment.

"Only by properly funding our public schools can we guarantee every child has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

"A strong and vibrant system of public education is vital not only to families and local communities but also to Australia's future

"It remains the key to a strong economy, a skilled workforce and a cohesive society.

"A new funding system should ensure that the Federal Government meets its primary obligation to adequately and appropriately fund public schools."

"True equity can only exist when government schools set the standard for high quality education."

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