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Future Proofing Education

TASSO commends the Australian Education Union Tasmania Branch on the release of its Lifting Learning paper – an initiative presenting solutions to Tasmania’s overstretched public education system.

The AEU campaign highlights key issues while calling for action to ensure its proposed solutions lead to positive outcomes for all state school students in Tasmania.

Among its recommendations, the paper, launched this week, calls for improved recruitment and support of new teachers, increases to in-class support and increased access to allied health services.

These improvements can only help to reduce bullying, increase parent engagement, promote attendance and student retention in the classroom and, overall, improve education results.

By investing in better work conditions, our educators can deliver a higher standard for our students.

Investing means our children can get the support and education they deserve so no child falls through the cracks.

Investing is also about being inclusive, so all children are seen for who they are and not what they are. This is about investing in our future communities.

Tasmanian students deserve the best learning possible but as Tasmanian teacher Lauren Duncan said at this week’s Lifting Learning launch: “Teachers are exhausted, every teacher I have spoken to is exhausted and overwhelmed and we don’t yet have a light in sight”.

How do we expect educators to perform at a high standard and our students’ learning to improve when teachers go to work exhausted and mentally strained? Who is it that suffers if teachers’ workloads are too great?

We need to put our students at the centre of all focus and ask ourselves, how can we ensure our students are receiving the education and support they need?

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