

Media Release

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Welcome back to (an under-resourced) school...

As students return to Government Schools Thursday, they return to a school under-funded and under-resourced. A school that has been that way for decades.

“The Federal Government has acknowledged that the government schools have been unfunded for decades. Their expert panel’s *Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System* has told us that the under-funding of government schools is “critical” and requires “urgent action”. It’s time to act and correct the under-funding of our school” Krissy McCance, TASSO President, said.

“At TASSO we acknowledge the tireless work of volunteer parents and educators who are committed to filling the gap of funding and ensure that their school has everything it needs for students, its time for our governments to stop relying on volunteers and fund schools as the Gonski reforms intended.

“Our State and Federal Government are currently negotiating the agreement on how to fund our Tasmanian schools for the next 4 years; we urge them to commit to funding every Government school in Tasmania to 100% of the SRS expeditiously.

“That they remove the accounting loophole that create funding gaps between government and non-government schools.

“That they create a dedicated annual fund to allow for capital works in Tasmanian government schools.

“That they create a fair and equal schooling system for all Tasmanian students”, Ms McCance said.

TASSO continues its advocacy for a fair, equitable, and transparent education funding system in Tasmania, the organisation calls on State and Federal Governments to urgently prioritise full funding for government schools.

TASSO maintains that proper funding is essential to eliminate disparities, provide equal opportunities for all students, and build a robust foundation for the future of education in Tasmania.

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