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Parents welcome Labor's public education funding commitments

The Parenthood has welcomed Labor's commitment of new funding for Australian public schools.

Alys Gagnon, Executive Director, said, "By far, the majority of Australian children attend public schools. Federal Government education funding should reflect that.

"All children deserve the opportunity to attend a great school, to be taught by world-class teachers, to have access to proper, modern resources and to be educated in safe, functional and fit-for-purpose facilities.

"We are delighted to see Labor commit to \$14 billion to government schools."

"Parents were very concerned by the \$1.9 billion cut from public schools by the Coalition Government.

"They were concerned when Prime Minister Scott Morrison promised \$4.6 billion in additional for independent and Catholic schools last month, but did not offer state schools a single extra dollar.

"This was a missed opportunity, to give all children the best possible education.

"If parents are truly to have choice about how their children are educated, we must ensure that public schools are funded and resourced to the School Resourcing Standard. We must make sure that public schools continue to be a viable and attractive choice for parents, all of whom care deeply about their children's future."

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The Parenthood is Australia's largest not-for-profit parent advocacy group, with reach of over 64,000 mums and dads nationwide.