TERRITORY SCHOOLS SUFFER 3RD YEAR OF CUTS

Shadow Minister for Education, Nicole Manison, said the CLP Government has plunged schools into budget problems with no other choice but to cut teachers and programs.

“Under the Global School Budgets the CLP is putting schools through a third year of cuts,” Ms Manison said.

“Education Minister, Peter Chandler, promised no school will be worse off under global budgeting, yet the evidence is clear many schools are now worse off.

“We have now seen several schools tell the Education Minister they are worse off and he is failing to listen.

“School budgets are under more pressure with the teacher’s EBA pay rises needing funding and another 5 per cent PowerWater increase coming into place January 1.

“The CLP is cutting school funding to the bone and as a result there will be less subject choices for students and fewer teachers in our schools.

“Some schools are faced with tough decisions around cutting experienced teachers in order to make savings, losing valuable expertise from our education system.

“Education Minister Peter Chandler needs to take urgent action to make good on his promise that no school would be worse off.

“Territory students are suffering because the CLP Government does not value education.”

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