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TERRITORY SCHOOLS IN BUDGET CRISIS

Shadow Minister for Education, Nicole Manison, today said the Education Minister, Peter Chandler, must act now to resolve the Global School Budget funding shortages facing Territory schools with a third school council rejecting the model last night.

“Territory schools are rejecting Peter Chandler's Global School Budget model that will plunge them into budget crisis,” Ms Manison said.

“We are hearing that many more schools are facing the 2015 school year with their budget position in the red, meaning these schools will have to cut teachers, subject choices and support staff to stay afloat.

“This is the third year in a row that Territory schools have suffered cuts under the CLP Government.

“Last night the Stuart Park Primary School Council joined Casuarina Senior College School Council and Taminmin College Council in rejecting the CLP Government’s Global School Budgets.”

Ms Manison said Education needs to be a priority for the CLP Government.

“Peter Chandler needs to honour his promise that no school would be worse off under Global School Budgets and ensure that the appropriate investment is made in Territory education,” Ms Manison said.

“The damage of the CLP’s cuts to education is putting the future of Territory kids at stake.”

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