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GLOBAL SCHOOL BUDGET PUTS SHEPHERDSON COLLEGE IN CHAOS

The Member for Nhulunbuy, Lynne Walker, today said Shepherdson College on Elcho Island may be left with eight too few teachers at the start of the 2015 year due to the troubled roll-out of Global School Budgets.

“At Shepherdson College some 14 teachers have been told to pack up and be ready to go by tomorrow,” Ms Walker said.

“Flights and removalists have been booked for these teachers out and they have vacated their accommodation.

“But now the Department of Education is saying they made a mistake in their allocation of the Global School Budget and eight of those teachers no longer need to be cut.

“Why did the Government not cancel these removals on Tuesday when the Chief Minister announced the Education Minister would review all schools global budgets?

“How many other schools are losing teachers because of mistakes?

“This is an expensive waste of resources and causes unnecessary chaos and confusion for Shepherdson College and our local community.”

Ms Walker said that good teachers in our remote communities should be supported rather than sacked due to the bungling of Education under Minister Peter Chandler.

“This chaos has deeply affected a great school community at the end of a year when they should be celebrating success and getting ready to enjoy the Christmas break,” Ms Walker said.

“It is inexcusable bungling and further proof that the CLP education cuts are being rushed with a disastrous impact on our school communities.”

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