

## Teachers welcome Labor's pledge to invest in public schools and TAFE

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The NSW Teachers Federation welcomes Federal Labor's budget reply announcement of greater investment in public schools and TAFE.

Acting Teachers Federation President Gary Zadkovich said:

"Teachers and parents in public school communities across NSW will be greatly heartened by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten's commitment to fully fund the Gonski needs based agreements.

"This will ensure that students in all public schools will receive the extra support they need to succeed in education.

"Labor's commitment to Gonski needs based funding stands in stark contrast to the Turnbull government's deceitful attempt to cut \$846 million from NSW public schools under its school funding plan.

"Labor's pledge to boost investment in TAFE by \$637 million, and guarantee at least two thirds of public vocational education funding for TAFE, are important steps toward rebuilding the TAFE system after years of destructive, market based policies.

"This greater investment in public education is a crucial foundation for building a more just and prosperous future for all Australians."