

## Call for Baird government's school funding legacy to continue

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The finest way to recognise and acknowledge retiring NSW Premier Mike Baird will be for the successor leadership to continue the state Coalition government's commitment and full, long-term funding support for Gonski, teacher organisations said in a joint statement today.

"Teachers and principals across NSW today acknowledge the fine work and legacy of Mr Baird and his Government in enabling opportunity and high standards for all school students and communities in the state stemming from their full policy commitment to Gonski funding," NSW Teachers Federation Acting President Denis Fitzgerald, NSW Secondary Principals' Council President Chris Presland and Primary Principals' Association President Phil Seymour said.

At a media conference today, Mr Baird said his government was proudly the first state to sign up to Gonski. "Why is that important? Needs-based funding — getting money to those disadvantaged students, those disadvantaged schools, to give them the same chance and opportunity as every other student in this state and nation."

The teacher organisations' statement says: "Mr Baird was right in manifesting pride in the extra resources that his government directed towards the neediest students in the state."

Federation is calling on members to contact their local Coalition MP, to encourage them to conserve the heritage and achievements of NSW Coalitions Government's in their support of full, long term, funding for Gonski. [Click here](#) for more information.

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