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NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS WELCOMES HISTORIC AGREEMENT ON NT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

Today marks a momentous occasion for education in the Northern Territory as the Australian and Northern Territory Governments have reached an historic agreement to fully and fairly fund all NT public schools.

The additional investment from both the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, totaling over \$1 billion, will provide crucial support to NT schools, particularly those facing significant challenges and serving communities with high levels of disadvantage.

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCGSO) welcomes this much advocated for funding, which will have a profound and positive impact on the future of public education in our region.

Our funding advocacy journey on behalf of students and staff has been a long one, spanning 11 years. With over 1,100 members across the length and breadth of the NT, we have continually advocated on behalf of these families, students and staff through their Full Council motions calling for action on funding.

On November 7th, 2023, NTCGSO President and Executive Officer met with Federal Minister Jason Clare's Director of Policy, and Senior Advisor for School. During this meeting, Minister Clare's commitment to supporting the high needs of NT students from 2025 was reaffirmed, and we strongly advocated for increased funding to go direct to schools.

In schools is where funding will have the greatest impact for our students.

Under the terms of this landmark agreement, both governments have committed to increasing funding for all public schools in the Northern Territory to 100 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2029. This timeline improves the journey towards equitable funding for NT schools by two decades.

This funding boost will empower schools to enhance teaching and learning resources, reduce class sizes, and implement initiatives aimed at improving educational outcomes for all students.

NTCGSO acknowledges the commitment and dedication demonstrated by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Chief Minister Eva Lawler, Minister for Education Jason Clare, and Northern Territory Minister for Education Mark Monaghan in reaching this historic



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agreement. Their unwavering determination to address the unique needs of the Northern Territory and prioritise the educational opportunities of our students is commendable.

NTCGSO is committed to working collaboratively with both governments to ensure the effective implementation of this funding agreement. We look forward to continuing our partnership on the delivery of high-quality education for vocational and academic success and improved well-being of all NT students.

ABOUT NTCGSO:

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCGSO) is a parent representative body that advocates for the interests of government students and schools across the Northern Territory. NTCGSO works collaboratively with education stakeholders to support the delivery of high-quality education and ensure the well-being and success of NT students.

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Pictured: President Tabby Fudge, Speaker – 2012/13 Gonski Funding Rally's.