



YOUR VOICE FOR NT PUBLIC EDUCATION

FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS 2021

1.1 Year Level Funding Disparity

“THAT NTCOGSO request that the Department of Education review the disparity between the Middle and Senior School Year level weighting in the school resourcing model that creates a differential in funding between middle and senior schools, significantly in the favour of senior schools.

Further that the Department of Education increases the year level weighting of middle schools in line with senior schools so that middle schools can support the delivery of quality education and social and emotional development during early adolescence with the objective of achieving better engagement during middle school and more transitions supporting the completion of senior school.”

CARRIED -2021/1.1

1.3 Access to School Counsellors

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Department of Education to ensure access to School Counsellors for all remote and regional schools. At present when Mataranka School has requested Counsellor services, we have been told none are available and referred to Headspace. Headspace only operates for 12 years and older and thus, a vulnerable cohort are going without desperately needed services.”

CARRIED -2021/1.3

1.4 Corporate SwAN Support for Regional and Remote Schools

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Department of Education to provide more specific and tangible support to small regional and remote schools for Students with Additional Needs.”

CARRIED -2021/1.4

1.5 Principal Reclassifications and School Budgets

“THAT NTCOGSO thanks DoE for recognising our Teaching Principals and the resulting pay increase under the current review process. That NTCOGSO monitors and advocates to DoE that this pay increase will not be funded from the school's budget.”

CARRIED -2021/1.5



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1.6 Alice Springs Teacher Housing

“That NTCOGSO advocates to the Department of Education & Minister for Education Lauren Moss to secure teacher housing in Alice Springs to attract and retain interstate candidates to meet current teaching staff shortfalls in Alice Springs.”

CARRIED -2021/1.6

1.7 Redirect SwAN Funding

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Department of Education & Minister for Education Lauren Moss to review the current funding model for Students with Additional Needs (SwAN). Request that funds are distributed to schools based on their population of identified students with additional needs and/or educationally, socially or emotionally vulnerable students, so that funds are reaching students most in need.”

CARRIED -2021/1.7

Footnote: This motion is calling for a change to SwAN funding currently being distributed to schools based on \$1,100 for every NT student; to being distributed in full based on Students with Additional Need (SwAN) student numbers only.

1.8 Swimming and Life Saving Program

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Department of Education & Minister for Education Lauren Moss to implement a comprehensive Swimming and Life Saving program for students in Transition to Year 10, funded by the Northern Territory Government. Territorian students are falling significantly behind National benchmarks.”

CARRIED -2021/1.8

1.9 Parent Engagement Policy and Guidelines

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Department of Education to develop policy/guidelines to:

1. Improve parent engagement and inclusion in schools.
2. Improve community engagement in schools from preschool onwards.”

CARRIED -2021/1.9

1.10 School Road Safety

“THAT NTCOGSO advocate for the Department of Education to provide leadership and coordination to address traffic related safety issues around Territory schools. That the Department establish a working group, develop policy and provide adequate resources.”

CARRIED -2021/1.10



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1.11 All Staffing Oncosts Funded Centrally

“THAT NTCOGSO request that the Northern Territory Government and Department of Education remove from school budgets, additional costs above salary associated with the accrual of long service, maternity/parental leave and extended personal leave and fund these from the departments centrally funded cost centre.

Currently individual schools suffer the burden of paying the on-costs for this leave.”

CARRIED -2021/1.11

1.12 Funding for Water Audits

“THAT NTCOGSO request the Northern Territory Government commit to;

1. Funding for Water Audits (Water Use Health Check), including funding for the implementation of findings, for every government school in the NT with no reduction to fixed costs funding in the School Resourcing Model (SRM).
2. Resultant savings to be retained by schools with the same commitment from the Northern Territory Government as for the Solar in Schools program (no reduction to fixed costs funding for power).”

CARRIED -2021/1.12

1.13 Funding for Students with Additional needs

“THAT NTCOGSO request that the Department of Education target funding for students with additional needs so that students with a supplementary or QDTP classification under the NCCD also attract individual funding to support their individual needs.”

CARRIED -2021/1.13

2.1 School Road Safety Audit

“THAT NTCOGSO request the Department of Education complete Road Safety Audits for all Northern Territory Schools, with the audit report to inform improvements to a school road management campaign. Road Safety Audits are to be completed at peak periods and take into consideration student safety, car parking, road congestion, traffic/pedestrian management, bike and bus routes.”

CARRIED -2021/2.1



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2.2 Resourcing for Female-to-Female Aggression

“THAT NTCOGSO request that the Department of Education and Territory Families provide expert in-kind support (and if necessary, seek external expertise) and co-fund appropriate resources for Darwin Middle School to codesign, pilot and evaluate, an evidence-informed school-based framework, policy and corresponding curriculum to address increasing rates of female-to-female aggression and violence between students.

Additionally, with a view to expand to all government schools across the Northern Territory”

CARRIED -2021/2.2

2.3 School Based Police Program Publications

“THAT NTCOGSO request the Department of Education and NT Police jointly develop a publication for dissemination to NT Government school staff, parents, families and students which reflects the operation of the NT School Based Police (SBP) program including (but not limited to):

- The NT SBP program’s background,
- Aims, objectives, and rationale for the SBP program,
- Included activities and responsibilities,
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- Expected outcomes, methods to measure outcomes and how outcomes will be communicated to the public,
- Contact details for enquiries, feedback, and complaints in relation to the SBP program,
- Clearly articulated role boundaries and responsibilities, particularly between SBP, NT Government schools and NT Police more broadly.

It is requested that the publication provide clarity about processes, role boundaries, responsibilities, and the protocols for communication between NT Government schools, SBP, broader NT Police and parents/carers, in relation to incidents or potential offences involving students at school, such as assault.”

CARRIED -2021/2.3

2.5 ‘Effective Enrolment’ terminology

“THAT NTCOGSO request the Minister for Education change the terminology of ‘Effective Enrolment’ when calculating school budget funding based on student numbers.

The funding calculation of student numbers for school budgets is based on attendance not enrolment and replacement terminology should reflect the word attendance, until funding is actually based on enrolment.”

CARRIED -2021/2.5



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2.6 Education Infrastructure Budget

“THAT NTCOGSO requests the Northern Territory Government commit to a significant increase of at least 60% in the 2021/2022 Education Infrastructure Budget effective year on year from 2022-2023 until every government school meets current building standards including every general learning area and facilities.”

CARRIED -2021/2.6

2.7 Appreciation to NTCOGSO President

“THAT the Full Council records their deep gratitude and appreciation to President, Tabby Fudge for her six (6) years of advocacy on our behalf. We welcome her reappointment as President at the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM).”

CARRIED -2021/2.7