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PUBLIC EDUCATION DAY

“Public Education is being challenged in Australia and the Northern Territory with a failure by governments to see education as an investment”, Said NTCOGSO President Gerard Reid today as he expressed dismay at the cuts to Education funding in the 2014/15 Budget.

“COGSO believes that public education deserves to not only be celebrated but to be supported, our students deserve the best opportunity to succeed. A well-resourced education which meets the needs of all students must be provided, regardless of their background or circumstance” Mr Reid went on to say.

“Parents, principals, teachers, all school staff and school communities continue to make a difference to the lives of their students every day in our public schools. Research unquestionably proves that family involvement in schools improves student achievement.”

“Hundreds of families volunteer on Northern Territory school councils in order to participate in improving the achievements of all students and making a positive difference in school communities.”

“Proper resourcing of schools is critical. In light of the recent budget cuts to education we urge school communities to take the opportunity to speak to their local member. We want to hear how our respective governments are going to ensure that learning outcomes will not be affected.”

“Public education is one of Australia’s greatest achievements. Governments must view education as a priority investment and not a privilege” Concluded Mr Reid.

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