Message from Chris Hayes MP, Federal Member for Fowler

As some of you may be aware, the Federal Government released the independent review of school funding conducted by eminent businessman David Gonski on Monday 20 February.

I believe that all Australian parents should be confident their child will get a world-class education. This should be the case, no matter where they live or the school they attend. But this isn’t always happening at the moment. While we have a great education system, some students are falling behind. We need to do more to lift performance.

Since 2007, Labor has driven a strong national school reform agenda to do this. The Government has invested in teacher quality, giving more powers to local principals, and building new classrooms and science labs in schools across the country.

The next important step is to make sure schools have the funding they need to teach our children. That is why we have done the first full review of school funding in almost 40 years. We said when we started the review that no school would lose a dollar of funding per student as a result of any changes. That is a rock solid promise. Indexation will also be a feature of any new system.

The Government wants to be sure that any change will deliver the best result for our schools. We want to hear from parents, schools and the community about what you think works. I will be in contact with your school over the coming months to get thoughts and feedback on how we can improve our schools. We want all of our students to get the best start in life.

If you would like any further information, please contact me on 9726 3988 or visit www.schoolfunding.gov.au