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Stop election funding of public schools now

Stop election funding of public schools now says Our Children, Our Schools (OCOS) spokesperson Clarke Martin.

“It’s time to end the pork barrelling and education bidding war that erupts around schools in marginal seats at election time and replace it with a transparent and unambiguous model of school provision and funding”, says Martin.

Party politics gets in the way of a regulated, systematic program to provide schools where they are needed and maintain and improve existing schools.

The four year election cycle generates a furious race to announce each political party’s promises which only equate to hard-fought for, overdue improvements to existing schools and obvious school provision which usually have been campaigned for long and hard by local communities.

“The system is broken and we are over it. Obviously the politicians of all persuasions aren’t.”

“We call on all parties to announce their plan to fund education that takes the party politics and election cycles out of the equation and give education and the communities the respect it deserves,” said Martin.

For more information please visit www.ourchildrenourschools.com.au.

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About Our Children, Our Schools

Our Children, Our Schools believes every Victorian child should have access to high-quality Foundation-to-Year 12 public education in their local community.

This means that these schools must be proactively planned for and built, well-maintained, staffed and funded appropriately.

OCOS members are community groups campaigning for the same outcomes as OCOS:

- Beaumaris School Community Group (BSCG)
- A new school for Bannockburn District
- High School for Coburg (HSC)
- Doreen and Mernda Secondary School Alliance
- Friends of Kyneton Education (FoKE)
- Oakleigh Ward Local Secondary School (OWLSS)
- Richmond High School Choices
- Secondary Education for Seddon, Kingsville and Yarraville (SKY High)
- TwoSchoolsNow (Port Phillip and Southbank)

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