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Get politics out of public schools now

The Our Children Our Schools (OCOS) group today urged both political parties to stop using school funding to buy crucial votes in Victoria's State Election.

The Coalition Government yesterday announced significant capital funding for three Victorian schools, which are all in seats which are in doubt for November's State Election. (Rosanna Golf Links Primary School, Eltham High School & Forest Hill College).

OCOS spokesman Clarke Martin says "Any funds announced for public education are welcomed by OCOS, and the local communities in and around those schools".

"But the nature of these funding announcements is inherently wrong, as they are all in seats that could well decide November's State election and all the money is announced at the end of the four year cycle of Government" said Mr Martin.

"It's clear to us and most Victorians that this is a cynical attempt to use public education to get re-elected in November" said Mr Martin. "We are urging both parties to end this disingenuous cycle of funding announcements now at this State Election".

"We want to see funding announcements throughout a four-year term of office, and not just in seats that the incumbent Government or current Opposition want to win at the next election".

"The current cynical cycle of funding is unfair on families, students and the schools affected. We say it must end now".

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)
- Reopen Our Schools



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