

AGENDA ITEMS

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

ITEM 1

School Closures

Moved Jenny Eddington (Newstead College) / Nicole Edgar (Avoca Primary)
That this Conference demands that, the Minister for Education be directed through Legislation to ensure that any future consultations about school closures and amalgamations begin at the school, and not in the media.

CARRIED

ITEM 2

Education Act – State Schools

Moved Ant Dry (Burnie High) / Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone Primary)

That the Education Act be amended as follows:

Section 18. State schools, paragraph (2)

- (2) The Minister may close or amalgamate State schools.
- (3) Prior to progressing with a process to close or amalgamate schools the Minister will
 - (a) Consult with the school association, parents and the broader community
 - (b) Provide the school association with –
 - i. An educational, economic and social impact statement
 - ii. Census data that describes population and demographic change forecasts
 - (c) Consult with DIER and obtain a comprehensive impact statement on the provision of student transport.

CARRIED

ITEM 3

School Closure Criteria

Moved Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone Primary) / Mark Briggs (Cooee Primary)

That this Conference demands that the Minister for Education quarantines for a period of 5 years, all schools who have successfully completed the “School Closure Criteria” and proved their viability.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 4

Education Act

Moved Jenny Eddington (Newstead College) / Nicole Edgar (Avoca Primary)
That this Conference calls upon the Minister for Education to amend The Education Act as follows:

Part 2 – Compulsory Education – 4. Enrolment

- (1) Unless exempted or excused under this Part, a child who is at least 5 years of age as at 1 January in any year must be enrolled at a school or be provided with home education for that year and subsequent years until **he or she completes year 12 or**
- a. Attains an equivalent qualification; or**
 - b. Enters an alternative approved training facility; or**
 - c. Attains the age of 18 years.**

CARRIED

ITEM 5

School Psychologists

Moved Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone Primary) / Nigel Jones (Lindisfarne North Primary)
That this Conference calls on the Minister for Education to ensure that the allocation of Guidance Officers and School Psychologists align with the recommendations of the Australian Psychologists in Schools.

CARRIED

ITEM 6

School Social Workers

Moved Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone High) / Mark Briggs (Cooee Primary)

Amended Motion

That this Conference calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to provide additional Department of Education funding to:

- Increase the numbers of Social Workers in State schools;**
- Establish funding to cover leave and relief for existing and future positions;**
- Provide for relief cover.**

Amended Motion CARRIED

ITEM 7

Funding of TASSP&F

Moved Ant Dry (Burnie High) / Jenny Eddington (Newstead College)
That this Conference calls on the Minister of Education to initiate Legislation to alter the Education Act such that:-

- The Legislation acknowledges Tasmanian State School Parents and Friends Inc as the representative organisation for parents of students in Tasmanian State Schools.**
- The Legislation provides that each pupil will have an amount levied on their school fees that will be passed directly to the Tasmanian State School Parents and Friends Inc.**

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LATE ITEMS

ITEM 8

Proceeds from Sale of Schools

Moved Nigel Jones (Lindisfarne North Primary) / Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone Primary)

The amended motion:

That this Conference calls on the Minister for Education and Skills, the Premier and Treasurer of Tasmania to outline where the money from the sale of land and buildings from the closure of amalgamated schools, as well as any other schools, is to be allocated, and give a guarantee that the money from the sale of these schools will be channelled back into education, above and beyond existing funding for education.

was put and **CARRIED**

ITEM 8

Tenure of Principals

Moved Simon Warriner (Yolla District)/ Lisa Gillard (Ulverstone High)

That this Conference calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to direct the changes required to increase the average tenure of Principals in Tasmanian schools to a period of 10 years or greater

LOST