

Education (General Provisions) (Helping Families with School Costs) Amendment Bill 2023

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I am a teacher at a state primary school in Brisbane with approx. 550 students. Our principal has been advised that due to budget constraints and over-spending on wages in 2023, our staff numbers will be reduced in 2024. In 2023, we had a Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Special Ed (HOSES), and Head of Curriculum (HOC). In 2024, we will only have a Principal and Deputy Principal. The Principal and Deputy Principal do a great job, but it seems impossible that they can manage their own roles and the roles of a HOSES and HOC for the next 12 months. On top of this, the inclusion team (special ed teachers) has reduced from at 4/5 teachers in 2023 to 2 teachers in 2024. I'm so concerned about the lack of support that can be provided by the leadership team and inclusion team to teaching staff in 2024. It has made me anxious about working at this school next year and consider leaving the school to pursue a role elsewhere. Please increase school funding to reduce the need to cut staff, and allow teachers and students to receive the appropriate support to improve student outcomes.