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I am a recently retired high school Deputy Principal (NSW DEC). My state, NSW, sensibly signed on to a six year agreement with the Labor government for improved funding for all NSW schools. I am concerned to see that the proposed funding model for six years is implemented in full, as agreed between the federal and NSW governments some time ago.

Six years of Gonski funding would allow for better resource allocation throughout schools in NSW on the basis of student needs.

It would assist providing more specialist reading, literacy and maths teachers and support staff in all schools

It would encourage more professional development for teachers so they are better equipped to help kids achieve their best;

Significantly, it would provide more support for kids with disabilities or special learning needs.

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