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Subject: Extra Funding for our school

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Dear Committee President and Members,

I am writing on behalf of Avalon Public School teachers and staff to describe some of the advantages the Gonski funding would bring to our school. Avalon is a school of about 800 students which currently employs one Reading Recover/Learning Support teacher. With extra funding we would be able to employ another full time Learning Support specialist. In addition we could employ and train several teachers aides to help implement remedial programs under the guidance of these teachers. Currently our remedial programs rely on the less consistent help of volunteers. Teachers do strive to differentiate learning at all times within their classrooms. However, it is difficult for a child who is performing under grade expectations to catch up to his/her peers without some individual or small group help. The classroom teacher is not always able to provide enough support to these children. Lowering primary class sizes which are currently at 30 would be an additional way to address this problem, and would also be possible with increased funding.

Thank you,

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