Cane the Cuts!

WACSSO is working alongside like organisations to advocate for parents and show the State Government that its staffing, service and program cuts and new charges to schools in 2014 will hurt our children.

"It will be a great day when Education is fully funded and the armed forces have to hold cake stalls to supplement their budget."

Return your petitions by Friday, November 22.
The WACSSO, SSTUWA, CPSU/CSA endorsed petition will be tabled in WA Parliament on Tuesday, November 26 at 1.30pm, followed by a community rally and sausage sizzle at 4pm, at Solidarity Park outside Parliament.

All filled and partially filled petition sheets must be returned by Friday, November 22, to WACSSO, PO Box 6295, East Perth, WA, 6892.

Please show your support for the campaign to reverse the State Government’s cuts to education by attending the Petition Day and Community Rally!

Fill out an impact questionnaire
WACSSO is requesting that all P&Cs complete and return our Education Budget Cuts Impact Questionnaire.

P&Cs are asked to include the financial ($$ value) and direct (programs, services, resources) impact of the Government’s changes to your school.

We urge all P&Cs that have not filled out this sheet to do so, as it helps WACSSO to understand exactly how schools and students will be affected by the cuts and to campaign accordingly.

Speak to your school principal to gain this information.

Contact your local MP
Call, email or write to your local MP to tell them how the cuts will affect your school and to request a meeting to talk about how they can assist you. Letter template available at wacsso.wa.edu.au

Attend a Cake Stall
Campaign Cake Stalls will run regularly until mid-December outside the offices of Members of Parliament. Attend a nearby event, lobby your local Member, learn more about how the education funding changes will affect your school in 2014 and grab a free lamington.

Visit puttingourkidsfirst.com.au for details on cake stalls and other ways you can act.

Summary of the changes

500 Job Cuts
- 250 Education Assistants in kindergarten through to Year 2
- 100 anaphylaxis Education Assistants — kindergarten through to Year 2.
- 150 positions in central and regional offices.

30% cut to the School Support Program Resource Allocation (SSPRA)
SSPRA is the fund that schools use to pay for literacy and numeracy programs; behaviour management, Aboriginal students’ needs, English as a Second Language; children with learning difficulties; the priority country areas program and either distance or other disadvantage. The majority of schools in WA access this fund.

Long Service Leave Liability Levy
The long service leave levy is to be paid by schools to help the government reduce the financial liability of outstanding long service leave. The levy is $600 per teaching staff and $400 per school support staff.

Cut to high school teaching numbers
In 2014 there will be a “shaving off” of the formula used to calculate the number of teaching staff in Years 8–12. Numbers will vary from school to school based on their enrolments in each year but it is a reduction in the number of teaching positions.

1.5% cut to schools procurement budget
1.5% less to purchase goods and services

Abolition of Funding for performance management
The supplementary funding to assist schools with teaching school administrators to undertake performance management of staff will no longer be provided.

For campaign info, templates and to stay up to date with events and actions, please visit WACSSO online at wacsso.wa.edu.au and facebook.com/WACSSOinc or call 9264 4000 or email communications@wacsso.wa.edu.au