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## **Empower parents to combat education failure**

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia is calling for a voucher system that would empower parents whose children are failing as a result of poorly performing schools.

“The latest NAPLAN result showing one-third of children are failing in literacy and numeracy should not prompt more federal spending, but action to empower parents to choose non-government schooling through an educational voucher system,” according to FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“Parents should not effectively have to pay twice if they chose non-government schooling, but must be given a voucher, enabling them to purchase private education, or continue with state-based schooling if that is their wish.

“But there is clearly a growing trend away from state-based education, with more than one-third of children now going to non-government schools,” he said.

“Government must recognise the democratic demand and cease trying to force parents to stay in the state system through financial pressure,” he said.

FamilyVoice Australia holds the view that education should be entirely privatised, just as governments have withdrawn from running telecommunications and airlines, but regards a voucher system to be a fair alternative until full privatisation is achieved.

“Conservative groups have long argued for a voucher system as a fair alternative to the current situation,” David d’Lima said.

“But today’s appalling NAPLAN results confirm that a new approach to education is sorely needed.”

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