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Dear [MP/CANDIDATE]

I seek your support to ensure certainty and fairness in the funding of Catholic schools.

According to independent advice, Catholic schools in Victoria operate on only 63% of the recurrent funding available to government schools.

It was found that when Catholic school fees and other private income was included - Catholic schools operate on only 93% of the recurrent resources given to Victorian government schools.

With this evident disparity in funding for Catholic schools and the continuing commitment of Catholic schools to address educational disadvantage I seek the following:

1. A guarantee that federal funding to Catholic schools will not be frozen after 2012.
2. Certainty that federal funding for Catholic schools will continue to keep pace with government school costs.
3. An increase in funding for students with disabilities and special needs so that every student has an equal opportunity to learn.
4. Capital funding that ensures Catholic education can continue to provide school choice for the new and growing communities in our outer-metropolitan and regional areas.
5. Funding arrangements that respect the Catholic school system and its expertise.

Where do you stand on certainty of funding for Catholic schools?

Will you support funding for Catholic schools at the 2012 level?

Will you support any additional increase that allows Catholic schools to keep pace with government school costs?

Yours sincerely

[NAME]