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Petition against schools amalgamation

Substantial funding cuts and reductions in staffing and resources will be the inevitable consequences of the amalgamation of two Murray Bridge primary schools says local MP Adrian Pederick.

On behalf of over 700 local residents, Mr Pederick presented a petition to State Parliament requesting the government abandon its plan to merge Murray Bridge Primary School with Murray Bridge Junior Primary School.

Mr Pederick said the level of education and associated services provided in the region was a serious concern, and, as a parent of two young children, one that had a personal as well as community interest.

‘This is another budget-driven decision that places the community second. It shifts actual educational outcomes down from the top of the education priority list,’ he said.

‘And, as is so often the case, the level of meaningful consultation with the school communities has been minimal, if not non-existent.

‘I call on incoming Premier Jay Weatherill, who as Minister for Education has presided over this short-sighted decision, to show the leadership and judgement expected of a state leader and stop the education rot robbing our children of their future.’

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