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[Palaszczuk government sells out school kids and rewards union buddies](#)



The Palaszczuk government's Education Minister Kate Jones' school plan does nothing for kids while rewarding traditional Labor Party backers: education bureaucrats and the increasingly unpopular Queensland Teachers' Union.

"Yesterday's story by *The Courier-Mail's* education reporters concerning Minister Jones' post-OP System school assessment plans fails to report on [widespread opposition by parents](#) to the government's proposal," said Australian Family Association spokesperson, Mrs Tempe Harvey.

"Minister Jones has the support of vested interests including the Queensland Teachers' Union but *Courier-Mail* readers need to be informed about a well-received campaign by parents and many QTU teachers to get the interstate exam system, which Minister Jones

rejects out of hand.

"Until we get full external exams with scaling, Minister Jones will be accountable for the embarrassment our students routinely face when competing with interstate school-leavers.

"Except for Queensland, all Australian states require students to sit proper state-wide external exams in Year 12, to supplement and verify teacher testing. That's what parents want.

"Yet the QTU and Minister Jones back more funding for Queensland's already bloated Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority to force experimental 'external assessments' into all State and private schools.

"Why risk Labor's 'external assessments' that can leave out chunks of the syllabus? Queensland school-leavers deserve proper external exams that test the entire subject in a controlled, cheat-proof environment.

"If the Liberal National Party's Opposition Leader, Lawrence Springborg, sides with parents by guaranteeing external exams like other states, instead of pandering to the ALP's union buddies, many parents might be tempted to vote for the LNP in 2018," Mrs Harvey said.

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