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### **FUNDING INCREASE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Government schools across the Albury electorate will be able to improve education resources and support for students with \$12,728,881 in needs-based funding for 2018.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin welcomed the increased funding which will be used to address the specific needs of schools.

“Schools may choose to implement initiatives such as targeted literacy and numeracy support, teacher training and speech pathologists,” Mr Aplin said.

The funding method is known as the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) and it funds schools based on student need.

“This funding gives schools the freedom to meet the specific needs of students and our local community,” Mr Aplin said.

Albury West Public School used this year’s RAM allocation for several programs and initiatives to improve learning outcomes for the students. Among the programs were data analysis to support dynamic programming and constructive reporting to parents and engaging an instructional leader to support improved K-6 teaching practices in literacy and numeracy.

“I’m pleased the NSW Government is delivering the extra resources to provide the high-quality education our children need and deserve.”

Education Minister Rob Stokes said providing school funding on a needs basis was vital to getting the best possible educational outcomes.

“The combination of funding increases and changes will enable schools to sharpen their focus even more on catering for the specific academic and wellbeing needs of their individual students,” Mr Stokes said.

Schools across NSW will receive a record \$1.09 billion in needs-based funding in 2018. This includes \$80 million in additional funding, which is an 8 per cent increase from 2017.

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