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PETITION FOR BETTER FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A petition urging the State Government to re-consider its discriminatory approach to funding Catholic Schools in Victoria, bearing 1,697 signatures, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 4th December 2008.

"The petition of Victorian residents who choose Catholic education, or support this right of choice, draws to the attention of the house that the level of funding provided by the Victorian state government to Catholic schools is inadequate and discriminates against families who choose a Catholic education for their children.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria guarantee funding at 25 per cent of the average cost of educating a child in the Victorian government school system, indexed annually and to provide equal funding for children with disabilities who attend a Catholic school."