Media coverage of union and state education issues for June

Over 560 WA education jobs at risk

15:45 | 24/06/2015 | Perth Now | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Online

OVER 560 WA teachers, education assistants and support staff will be given notice that their jobs are on what the Opposition has labelled “death row”.

More than 500 school jobs on "death row": WA Labor

14:45 | 23/06/2015 | WA Today | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Online

More than 560 school staff jobs are now on "death row" with the Barnett government planning to make their positions redundant in the next six months, according to Labor's spokesperson for education.

Dissatisfaction with new education policy 18:09 22/06/15

18:00 | 22/06/2015 | Channel 9 Perth - News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

A radical plan to make richer families pay to educate their children at public schools has been slammed by the State Government and teachers. Perth parents are also against the idea, which would close the door on universal schooling. “We have an understanding in Australia that every child is entitled to a free, quality, public education,” the State Teachers Union’s Pat Byrne said. Among four reform options, one gives the State full responsibility for all schools, while another put the Federal Government in charge, forcing high income families to pay. Ms Byrne added “the gap between the rich and the poor will simply be exacerbated, this is not conducive to a stable society or a stable economy”.

WA public schools exceed maximum number of students in classrooms

18:30 | 16/06/2015 | Perth Now | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Online

WA teachers are dealing with overcrowded classrooms with new figures revealing 10 per cent of Year 1 to 3 classes have more than the maximum allowed number of students.

WA Kindergarten classes overcrowded: SSTU 18:15 16/06/15

18:15 | 16/06/2015 | STW9 – National News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

New figures released have revealed that 20% of WA’s kindergarten classes are overcrowded. The State School Teachers Union says only 20 children is suppose be in a class, unless agreed with the teacher. The SSTU WA’s Lincoln Rose says “Small class sizes have a real impact on behaviour management in classes … “, but the Education Minister says most so-called overcrowded classes are only over by one or two students. “You got to deal with the facts in education, not perceptions, not the bleating of the unions who are desperate, quite frankly, for relevance” he said.

Hundreds of WA classrooms are overcrowded: SSTU 17:20 16/06/15

17:15 | 16/06/2015 | TEN WA – TEN Eyewitness News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The Teachers Union claims hundreds of WA public school classrooms are overcrowded. New figures show one in five kindergartens have breached the maximum limit of 20 students per class. The union says it’s putting a strain on both teachers and students, which could affect learning outcomes. The Education Department says there has been no formal

complaints made by teachers so far this year.

Kindergarten class sizes affects the learning process: SSTU 14:05 16/06/15

14:00 | 16/06/2015 | MIX 94.5 – News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The Teachers Union claims larger kindergarten class sizes are affecting the learning process. Figures show one in five Kindy classes are larger than the 20 student limit, but the Education Department says it's only happened in agreement with teachers. Teachers say they're struggling with an already huge workload and kids don't get the education they deserved.

Kindergarten class sizes raise concerns 13:05 16/06/15

13:00 | 16/06/2015 | 6PR – News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The State School Teachers Union is questioning the government's commitment to early childhood education after new figures revealed kindergartens class sizes are larger than they should be. Education Department figures show nearly 20% of Kindy teachers are looking after more than the agreed upon 20 students. Union Senior Vice President Lincoln Rose says parents expect the government to keep classes to the agreed minimum. "Parents are really concerned about the class sizes in school" he said.

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SSTU warning about class sizes 13:05 16/06/15

13:00 | 16/06/2015 | 96FM Perth – News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The State School Teachers Union is warning bigger than expected Kindergarten class sizes are putting extra pressure on both students and teachers in WA. The union's Senior Vice President Lincoln Rose says "Research shows smaller class sizes have a real impact on behaviour management in classes".

SSTU worried about kindergarten class sizes 12:02 16/06/15

12:00 | 16/06/2015 | 6PR Perth - News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The State School Teachers Union is worried bigger than expected kindergarten class sizes are putting further pressure on both students and teachers. Education Department figures show one in five in public schools are over the maximum of 20 children. SSTU Senior Vice President Lincoln Rose says the statistic are worrying and that class sizes have a real impact on behaviour management.

Education Dept hits back at union claims over class sizes 12:03 16/06/15

12:00 | 16/06/2015 | Mix 94.5 - 12:00 News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

The Education Department has hit back at union claims that overcrowded kindergarten classes are putting a strain on teachers and students. The teachers union claims one in five kindy classes in public schools is larger than the agreed limit of 20. The union's Lincoln Rose says teachers are complaining even though the Government says they have has no complaints.

Collier hits out a union class size concerns 09:03 16/06/15

09:00 | 16/06/2015 | 6PR Perth - News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast The Education Minister is hitting back at concerns by the teachers union about the size of public school kindergarten classes, with one in every five bigger than the maximum limit. Peter Collier says it's not an issue. "An overwhelming number of classes in Western Australian schools are within limits agreed to by the union," he said.

Interview with SSTU's Lincoln Rose 08:34 16/06/15

08:30 | 16/06/2015 | Channel 9 Perth - Today Perth News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

Tim McMillian interviews the State School Teachers Union about overcrowding in kindergarten class in WA's public schools. Mr Rose says Education Department figures show that 7% of all classes are over the limit but more worrying is that 20% of kindergarten classes are over capacity. He says teachers are becoming overworked and that the class sizes are having a big impact on that and schools are having to do more planning at the start of the year to cope with the high numbers.

Concerns over kindy class sizes 07:32 16/06/16

07:30 | 16/06/2015 | 6PR Perth - News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

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Report shows class sizes too big 07:01 16/06/15

07:00 | 16/06/2015 | 96FM - News | Circulation: 0 | Media Value (AUD): 0 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Broadcast

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00:45 | 16/06/2015 | The West Australian (Online) | Circulation: 125,000 | Media Value (AUD): 125 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Online

One in five kindergarten classes in public schools is bigger than the maximum limit, fresh Education Department figures reveal.

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00:00 | 16/06/2015 | The West Australian | Circulation: 158,400 | Media Value (AUD): 3,455 | Brief: SSTU | Type: Press

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