**SAMPLE LETTER FOR THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

**(Insert Your P&C Associations Letterhead)**

Dear Editor of (insert newspapers name),

Our Parents and Citizens Association of (insert school name) has worked hard to ensure that every child in our local public school gets a quality education.

With the 2023 State Elections coming up on March 25 it is imperative that current and potential candidates are aware of the current public schooling situation in their local area and how their actions can affect it for better or for worse.

Here are a few points that candidates, both current and upcoming, are urged by our P&C Association to think about with the upcoming elections.

Please consider the following facts:

* 64.5% of all school students in NSW\*
* 82.9% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students\*
* 1 in 5 NSW public school students who have a disability\*\*
* 85% of NSW public school students with disability learn in mainstream schools, 12% learn in support classes and 3% in schools for specific purposes\*\*

\*Australian Bureau of Statistic 2021

\*\*NSW Department of Education. Progress Report 2021

So why is it such a struggle to gain the funds created specifically to meet these needs?

* What do you intend to do about the current lack of fund facing our public schools?
* If your child went to our public school, would you be happy with their environment?

Yours Sincerely

(Insert name)

**(Insert Title) of P&C Association (insert school name)**