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MORE money for literacy and numeracy, smaller class sizes and a boost for school maintenance top the education wish lists for tomorrow's State Budget.

The State Government's billion-dollar plus education budget will be under close scrutiny from parents, unions and opposition parties.

Tasmanian State School Parents and Friends state president Jenny Branch said an across-the-board funding increase was needed.

"We believe that education in this state has been underfunded for a long time," she said. "We need an injection of money into education to really lift all the issues and problems we're seeing around literacy and numeracy.

"There's a whole lot of money which needs to go into students with behavioural problems, and autism is another area that's been underfunded.

"We still have got schools out there that are unacceptable for children to be in. People are still saying to us their toilets aren't up to standard and things like that."

Teachers were looking for more money to support students with additional needs, said Australian Education Union state president Leanne Wright.

She said she was expecting the Government to meet its commitments to deliver smaller class sizes, and was hoping for a needs-based approach to funding.

"We're expecting there will be more funding for students with high and additional needs," she said.

"We would like to see resources for additional staff in the form of school psychologists, social workers and speech pathologists -- specialist staff that can help students with particular problems."

Liberal education spokeswoman Sue Napier said the Government really needed to put some investment into the support systems. Speech pathology and speech therapy stood out as needy by a mile, she said.

Greens education spokesman Nick McKim was hoping for more money for school maintenance and moves to ensure that small schools could be kept open.

"If you're serious about investing in the future the core priority should be education," he said.