"In assisting with the ongoing operations of such schooling options the recurrent funding provided under the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) has formed something of a foundation that ensures educational choice for First Nations families."

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