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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

Thank you for your email dated 10 December 2025 regarding Petition No. 4318–25 in relation to a request for a dedicated outdoor hardcourt facility for Highfields State Secondary College, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

As a member of the Crisafulli Government, I am especially focused on infrastructure investments to ensure growth, renewal and maintenance needs are addressed in an efficient and integrated way.

The Department of Education's (DoE) recently released *Comprehensive Review of Infrastructure Renewal* highlighted a renewal backlog of \$441 million. As of December 2023, one-third of the portfolio did not meet the appropriate condition standard of 'fair' or higher, due to historical under-investment in renewal and maintenance of existing assets.

I am sure you can appreciate that it is a priority that DoE addresses this renewal backlog and allocates funding to projects that fulfill the greatest need.

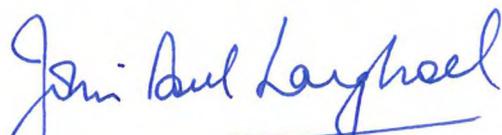
I understand Highfields State Secondary College currently has an indoor sports hall with a floor space of 867m<sup>2</sup>, which contains sports flooring that is marked up for basketball, volleyball and badminton. I can confirm that the school utilises this space for the delivery of Health and Physical Education curriculum.

While not in a position to support the delivery of an outdoor hardcourt facility at this time, please be assured that DoE will continue to work with Highfields State Secondary College to provide support with its ongoing infrastructure needs.

Should Highfields State Secondary College be interested in delivering this project, the school may wish to consider alternative funding avenues, including fundraising and contributions from the school's Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C), through local Council or other state or federal funding grants, such as the Department of Justice's Gambling Community Benefit Fund, available for school P&Cs to apply. Further information, including eligibility requirements and dates for the 2026 funding rounds, is available online at [www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants).

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner, and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Highfields State Secondary College.

Yours sincerely



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