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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2351-14 tabled on 26 March 2015 regarding assistance for additional playground equipment at Eagleby South State School.

I am pleased to advise that all schools, including Eagleby South State School, receive a Minor Works Grant each year specifically to allow for works of this nature. Should this initiative be considered a high priority by the school, their grants may be directed towards this project.

Grants for facility development paid directly to schools for minor works and school improvements are not always sufficient to permit all projects to be undertaken in a single financial year. Schools are afforded the flexibility of funding larger projects by combining grants across more than one financial year.

Other options for accessing additional funding to supplement school minor works funding for additional playground equipment would include community fundraising and grant submissions through local council and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Information on the Gambling Community Benefit Fund can be found on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General web site at <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>.

The Principal of Eagleby South State School is also able to apply for the Department of Education and Training's Smart School Subsidy Scheme on behalf of the school. Information on the Smart School Subsidy Scheme can be found on the Department's web site at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/grants/state/core/smart-school.html>.

Your petitioners' advocacy on behalf of Eagleby South State School is very much appreciated and I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Peter Kingston, Regional Infrastructure Manager, South East Region, Department of Education and Training on telephone 5656 6701 or by email at peter.kingston@dete.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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