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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4109-24 in relation to a new school hall for Woongoolba State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring all students, no matter where they live, have access to high quality learning opportunities within their local communities.

As at February 2024, Woongoolba State School enrolled 224 students and has capacity for 260 students. Enrolments have decreased by 11 students since 2020. According to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, enrolments are forecast to decline further to 208 students in 2029.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department of Education works with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP).

The Department's regional infrastructure teams support schools to submit SSIP proposals for consideration, and these are assessed through a prioritisation process to meet the highest needs across the State. This process is used to develop the Department's short, medium and long-term investment priorities, which are subject to funding availability.

I can advise that Woongoolba State School lists the provision of a new hall as priority nine on its SSIP.

The Department will continue to support Woongoolba State School to identify and prioritise its infrastructure needs, and explore funding opportunities for potential future projects.

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

Yours sincerely

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