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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4110-24 in relation to a new administration building at 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.

The Department of Education also recognises the importance of fit-for-purpose administration facilities. Planning for a new administration facility, as well as a separate general learning facility, at Woongoolba State School was completed in 2023. The concept designs for these new facilities also consider equitable access improvements.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department 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 administration building as priority one on its SSIP. Construction of this nominated project, along with all other infrastructure project nominations received by the Department, will be rigorously assessed and prioritised against other proposed investments across the State.

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

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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