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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4111-24 in relation to seeking replacement furniture and upgrades to playground facilities at Woongoolba State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering high quality educational facilities for all Queensland school aged students choosing to attend a state school.

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 understand Woongoolba State School did not apply for funding under the Queensland Government's \$150 million playgrounds and tuckshops initiative; however, lists the provision of an upgrade to both the senior and junior playgrounds as priorities four and five on its SSIP.

These nominated projects, along with all other infrastructure project nominations received by the Department, will be rigorously assessed and prioritised against other proposed investments across the State.

I am advised that in early 2024, Woongoolba State School engaged an external provider to conduct a playground safety audit. The report provided a number of recommendations which have been actioned by the school.

In relation to replacement furniture, the school is responsible for the repair or replacement of furniture and equipment. All state schools are provided with recurrent funding for this purpose.

The Department will continue to work with Woongoolba State School to support the school with its ongoing infrastructure needs.

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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