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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition No. 4114-24 in relation to infrastructure upgrades for Cedar Creek State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government remains committed to providing all students with access to high-quality educational facilities by prioritising infrastructure where it is most needed across the State.

With regards to the installation of water bubblers, funding for this type of project is usually managed at a school level. Many schools decide to install cold water bubblers by encouraging their Student Councils to hold fundraisers. Alternatively, a school may wish to use its annual minor works budget for the acquisition of water bubblers.

I am pleased to advise that Cedar Creek State School has been approved for funding under the Department of Education's School Playgrounds and Tuckshop upgrades program to deliver an all-weather shade structure over the multi-purpose court. The contract is forecast to be awarded in Term 1, 2025.

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 am advised that Cedar Creek State School lists a refurbishment of the amenities and provision of all-weather shade structures as priorities on its SSIP. However, the school does not list an upgrade of pathways as a priority 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.

The Department will continue to support Cedar Creek State School with its infrastructure needs, and explore funding opportunities for any potential future projects.

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

Yours sincerely

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