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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition No. 4132-24 in relation to a request for Stage 2 of the 'Open Space Nature Playground' Masterplan at Norfolk Village State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government is committed to supporting state schools delivering high-quality educational facilities and functional play spaces.

I acknowledge the request for Stage 2 of the open space nature playground to be completed at Norfolk Village State School. I understand that the school funded the delivery of Stage 1 and is seeking funding assistance to progress Stage 2 works.

I am advised that Norfolk Village State School made an application for the Priority Programs Tuckshop and Playgrounds grant; however, the application was withdrawn by the school on 13 February 2024.

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 Norfolk Village State School lists the expansion of the playground to develop gross motor skills as a priority on its SSIP. 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 Norfolk Village State School to identify and prioritise its infrastructure needs, and explore funding opportunities for this potential project.

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

Yours sincerely


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