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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4134-24 in relation to a new tuckshop for Pimpama State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

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

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 Pimpama State School did not apply for funding under the Queensland Government's \$150 million playgrounds and tuckshops initiative; however, lists an upgrade and extension to the tuckshop, including commercial kitchen, 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 Pimpama State School with its 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 Pimpama State School.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Education and
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