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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition No. 4144-24 in relation to Picnic Creek State School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

Providing well maintained and functional facilities that align with educational outcomes is a priority for the Queensland Government.

I acknowledge the important work of the Parents and Citizens' Association in the school community to raise the necessary funds for outdoor furniture at Picnic Creek State School.

With regards to the concreting required to install the furniture, I understand the school has been seeking quotes for this potential future project. The school may wish to fund this future project from its annual maintenance and minor works budget.

Each Queensland state school is allocated an annual maintenance and minor works budget to address maintenance or renewal needs at the school. Schools are able to decide on the allocation of maintenance and minor works funds between planned and unplanned maintenance and smaller upgrade projects. Maintenance work is prioritised according to need, such as workplace health and safety issues, to ensure the safety of staff and students.

Schools are able to work with the Department of Education's Regional Office to help plan and facilitate the delivery of these projects, with the Principal responsible for deciding which projects will be funded.

The Department will continue to work with Picnic Creek State School to support the school with its future infrastructure needs.

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

Yours sincerely

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