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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petitions 4151-24 and 4108-24 in relation to Pimpama State Secondary College, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

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

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.

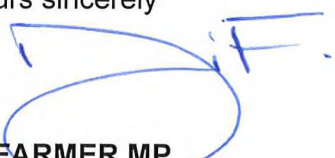
I can advise that Pimpama State Secondary College does not list the provision of a dedicated junior playground as a priority on its SSIP, nor did it apply for funding under the Queensland Government's \$150 million playgrounds and tuckshops initiative. The Department will continue to support Pimpama State Secondary College to identify and prioritise its infrastructure needs, and explore funding opportunities for this potential project.

With regard to the installation of refrigerated water bubblers, I can advise that 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.

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. Schools are able to work with the Department's Regional Office to help plan and facilitate the delivery of these projects, with the principal responsible for deciding which projects these allocations will fund.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner, and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Pimpama State Secondary College.

Yours sincerely


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