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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2024 regarding Petition No. 4122-24 in relation to infrastructure upgrades at Ormeau Woods State High School, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring all students, no matter where they live, have access to high-quality learning opportunities within their local communities.

As at February 2024, Ormeau Woods State High School enrolled 1,433 students and had capacity for 1,863 students. Enrolments have decreased by 184 students since 2021. According to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office, enrolment forecasts indicate that student enrolments will continue to decline, reaching 1,210 students in 2029.

Giving consideration to the number of students currently enrolled at the school, the existing multi-purpose facility meets departmental guidelines.

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).

I can advise that Ormeau Woods State High School lists the provision of a facility able to hold whole-of-school assemblies including a stage, dressing room or sporting facility as the top priority on its SSIP. Additionally, the school lists the installation of shade structures throughout the school grounds as priority seven. The SSIP does not mention the requirement for additional seating and landscaping around the oval as a priority.

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.

The Department will continue to support Ormeau Woods State High School to identify and prioritise its current 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 Ormeau Woods State High School.

Yours sincerely


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