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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 17 April 2024 regarding Petition No. 4036-24 in relation to Building Stage 2 of Redlynch State College multi-purpose hall, 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.

In 2021, the Queensland Government committed \$3.75 million (excluding GST) for an extension of the existing hall at Redlynch State College – secondary campus, and \$3.2 million (excluding GST) for an extension to the existing hall at Redlynch State College – primary campus.

In May 2021, following consultation with the school, the two funding commitments were amended to allow delivery of a new multi-purpose double-court hall at the secondary campus using combined funding, rather than extending the two separate existing halls.

The Department of Education subsequently committed additional funding, bringing the total allocated budget for the project to approximately \$14.3 million (excluding GST).

This investment will provide Redlynch State College with a new multi-purpose hall with a double court area, new kitchen, staff work rooms and offices, associated ancillary spaces, and staff and student amenities. The new multi-purpose hall is forecast to be completed in late 2024. Redlynch State College will also retain use of its two existing halls on the secondary and primary campuses.

At this time, funding is not available for Stage 2 of the Redlynch State College multi-purpose hall.

I note the support for a second stage to be considered in the 2024–25 State Budget to deliver performing arts upgrades in the multi-purpose hall. When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department 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 approval.

I can advise that Redlynch State College lists an increase to the school hall to cater for school events and performing arts curriculum as priority two on its SSIP. This nominated project will be assessed by the Department and considered in the prioritisation process, along with all other infrastructure project nominations from state schools across the State.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner, and every person who signed the petition for their interest in the Queensland state education system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DI Farmer', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

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