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**Queensland
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Minister for Education and Training

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter and attached petition dated 11 November 2009 regarding the state school teachers' campaign for a replacement certified agreement.

I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Government and Queensland Teachers' Union have reached in-principle agreement for a replacement state school teachers' certified agreement, including a total salary increase of 12.5 per cent over three years plus additional rewards for quality teachers and school leaders.

While state school teachers will have an opportunity to formally consider the proposed agreement prior to its certification, the in-principle agreement will deliver teacher salary increases of up to \$11,500 over the life of the agreement.

Classroom teachers with 13 or more years of service will have access, through a merit selection process, to a new classification level. This classification level will have an annual salary of \$83,308 by July 2011.

Principals, Deputy Principals and Heads of Program will receive an additional 2.5 per cent salary increase from 1 July 2011.

The offer will ensure that Queensland's graduate teachers will be the highest paid across Australia, receiving an annual salary of \$56,900 by 2011.

The proposed agreement reflects the Government's commitment to recognise and reward our quality teachers and school leaders, and improve education outcomes for all state school students.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may wish to contact Mr Darren Bond, Principal Industrial Officer, Workforce Relations on telephone (07) 3235 4082.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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