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Hon Geoff Wilson MP
Member for Ferny Grove



**Queensland
Government**

Minister for Education and Training

Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 1525-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 16 September 2010 regarding the request that Mr Trent Shaw be retained as the Principal of Kin Kin State School.

Principals play a vital role in ensuring quality teaching and learning outcomes, and facilitating strong school links with the local community. Continuity of school leadership provides certainty to schools and their community, and allows principals the opportunity to introduce and embed new school programs and initiatives.

The department has an obligation to deploy its staff in accordance with a range of industrial processes that have been negotiated over many years. The department requires that principals serve at a range of locations throughout the State and that, as a result, those employees may compete on the basis of their service history for transfer at their current classification level to other similar classified positions.

On 20 August 2010, Mr Greg Peach, Regional Director, North Coast Region met with the Kin Kin State School Parents and Citizens Associations Executive and concerned members of the school community regarding the appointment of a new Principal to Kin Kin State School and the relocation of the acting Principal, Mr Shaw.

The department is currently undertaking a merit based selection process for Principal positions across the State and I am advised that Mr Shaw is being considered as part of that applicant pool. The expected outcome for the principal positions including the position at Kin Kin State School should be known by 12 November 2010.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Greg Peach, Regional Director, North Coast Region, on telephone (07) 3881 9612.

Yours sincerely

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