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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2352-14 tabled on 26 March 2015 regarding assistance for the development of a second multipurpose court at Eagleby State School.

I recognise the value of multipurpose courts to Eagleby State School and I note the Department of Education and Training funded resurfacing of the existing courts in 2014 through the targeted special maintenance program.

All schools, including Eagleby State School, receive a Minor Works Grant each year specifically to allow for works of this nature. Should this initiative be considered a high priority by the school, their grants may be directed towards this project.

Grants for facility development paid directly to schools for minor works and school improvements are not always sufficient to permit all projects to be undertaken in a single financial year. Schools are afforded the flexibility of funding larger projects by combining grants across more than one financial year.

Other options for accessing additional funding to supplement school minor works funding for a new multipurpose court would include community fundraising and grant submissions through local council and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Information on the Gambling Community Benefit Fund can be found on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's website at: <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>.

The Principal of Eagleby State School is also able to apply for the Department's Smart School Subsidy Scheme on behalf of the school. Further information on the Smart School Subsidy Scheme can be found on the Department of Education and Training's website at: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/grants/state/core/smart-school.html>.

Your petitioners' advocacy on behalf of Eagleby State School is very much appreciated and I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Peter Kingston, Regional Infrastructure Manager, South East Region, Department of Education and Training on telephone 5656 6701 or by email at peter.kingston@dete.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kate Jones'.

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