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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 3489-21 tabled on 20 April 2021 in the Legislative Assembly requesting to retain the location of the Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology (QASMT).

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

The Department of Education is currently planning for a new school in Brisbane's inner west to service the increasing enrolment demand in the areas of St Lucia and Indooroopilly. As part of this process, the department will need to select a suitable site for the new school, taking into account the location of existing schools and the need to support a balanced school network.

On 28 February 2021, community consultation on the location of the proposed new primary school for inner west catchments concluded. The consultation process provided the public with an opportunity to provide feedback on the possible location of the new primary school on part of the Indooroopilly State High School site, as well as the opportunity to nominate alternate sites for consideration.

This feedback identified multiple alternate sites for further consideration by the department, including the QASMT site. This feedback is being considered by the department and will inform the site selection process.

I can advise that no decision has been made regarding a final location for the proposed new school.

If the QASMT option is considered worthy of further investigation, the QASMT community will be included in the site selection process.

I would like to thank your petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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