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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 25 October 2022 regarding Petition 3741-22, requesting the replacement of the science building (Block L) at Corinda State High School.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building fit-for-purpose learning environments that support educational outcomes.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, the Department of Education works closely with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP). The SSIP is the department's primary method for identifying and prioritising facility needs for each Queensland state school.

SSIP proposals are considered and assessed through a prioritisation process to ensure the highest needs across the State are met. This process is used to develop the department's short, medium and long-term investment priorities, which are subject to funding approval.

I have been advised that the proposed new Science Centre was prioritised through the school's SSIP and the department subsequently undertook a feasibility study to assess the viability of this project.

I am pleased to confirm that following this process, funding of \$13.2 million (including GST) from the 2022-23 State Budget was allocated to demolish the existing science building (Block L) at Corinda State High School to create a new science and administration facility. The first floor of the existing administration block will be refurbished to form three learning spaces. In addition, the six relocatable structures (Block U) will be removed on completion of the project. This project is in the preliminary planning stages, with schematic design expected to commence in early 2023.

Please be assured that the department will continue to work closely with Corinda State High School to support this process.

I would like to thank you and the principal petitioner and every person who signed the petition for their advocacy for Corinda State High School.

If you require additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me directly or alternatively your staff can contact Ms Sharon Durham, Chief of Staff of my office, on (07) 3719 7110.

Yours sincerely

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