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Robert,
Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a petition requesting a feasibility study of the need for a government secondary school in Heathcote.

The Victorian Government is committed to growing educational opportunities for all Victorians. We have invested \$16.9 billion over the past 10 years to build new schools and modernise existing educational facilities across Victoria.

Each year the Department of Education (the department) reviews forecast demographic data and school enrolments to identify any areas of new demand. The government secondary schools servicing Heathcote include Bendigo South East 7-10 College, Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Seymour College.

Current population forecasts indicate that the government secondary schools servicing Heathcote have the capacity to meet anticipated enrolments. Therefore, a feasibility study of the need for a potential government secondary school in Heathcote has not been planned for at this time.

The department will continue to review population growth and the capacity of government secondary schools servicing Heathcote to accommodate anticipated enrolments.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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CC: Lizzie Blandthorn, Minister for Children

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