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Robert,

Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a petition requesting a new government secondary school in Kilmore. I recognise that school provision is an important issue for the Kilmore community.

The Victorian Government is committed to growing educational opportunities for all Victorians. The Government has invested \$18.5 billion over the past 11 years to build new schools and modernise existing educational facilities across Victoria.

The Department of Education (the department) has a strategic planning process to ensure current and future demand for schools is properly planned for and accommodated. As part of an annual cycle, the department reviews enrolment trends, forecast population demand, and the capacity of government schools.

A site for a proposed government secondary school has been identified in Kilmore through the Kilmore Structure Plan. This proposed school site is known to the department as Kilmore Proposed 7-12.

Based on the current rate of population growth and the capacity of surrounding schools to accommodate anticipated enrolments, there are currently no plans to open Kilmore Proposed 7-12. Nonetheless, the department will continue to review this information and the need for this school annually as part of its statewide planning for schools.

A child has the right to attend their local (zoned) school. Children living in the Kilmore township are either zoned to Wallan Secondary College or to Broadford Secondary College. The department ensures that these schools have sufficient capacity to accommodate local enrolment demand.

Furthermore, a travel exemption for students living in Kilmore has been in place since 2006. The exemption means that students are able to access transport assistance to either Broadford Secondary College (free travel on the School Bus Program) or to Wallan Secondary College (public transport fares reimbursement via the Conveyance Allowance Program).

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Carroll'.

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CC: Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn, Minister for Children