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Inner Sydney Schools Update

We have made great progress with the campaigns to ensure that inner city families with children have access to primary and secondary public schools.

The Government has accepted the Inner City Schools Working Party recommendation for a **new 1,000 student primary school** on the City of Sydney's former Wattle Street works depot site. I've asked the Minister for Education to **include community space and after school care** space, and provide for **onsite childcare** in the early years while the school has spare capacity. I've also asked the Treasurer to provide funds in the next budget to buy the site and build the school.

The Inner City Schools Working Party now moves on to look at **high schools** across the region. On my request, the Working Party will include **three parent representatives** from local primary school Parents and Citizens groups.

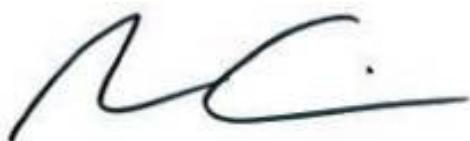
When Parliament resumes, I'll follow up my advocacy for increased **local access to selective schools** as a short term solution to the lack of local high schools.

Alexandria Park Community School will become the new default high school for the inner city now that Blackwattle Bay Secondary College is full. I've visited this school several times – and was inspired by the energetic Principal and great community spirit. In Parliament, I've asked about **capital and minor works** on the senior campus as well as the school library. I've asked the Minister for Transport to make sure that **school buses** are changed for the new boundaries.

See my oped in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (copy over) which details the short term views of past governments that have left current students without a high school.

I'll continue to work with parents and school communities to get the facilities we need.

Yours sincerely



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