



The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP
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Dear Mr Greenwich *Alex*

I write in response to your representations of 12 December 2013, on behalf of your constituents, regarding planning for the new Ultimo Public School.

I can assure you that the Department of Education and Communities has consulted, and will continue to consult, with the Ultimo Public School community in the planning and delivery of the new school.

Over the past year consultation has taken place through the Department's Inner City Schools Working Party, which includes representatives of the Department, the City of Sydney and the Ultimo Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

The Department expects to establish a Project Control Group (PCG) in March 2014, once consultants have been appointed for the provision of project management and head design consultancy services. The PCG will facilitate the development and delivery of the facility, including the design. The Ultimo Public School Parents and Citizens Association have been invited to appoint representatives to the PCG.

Additionally, broader community consultation will be carried out as part of the planning approval process for the new facility.

In regards to your constituents' suggestions for an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service; a child care facility; and multi-purpose facilities for recreation and community use at the site, the Inner City Schools Working Party has also suggested providing such facilities.

It is possible such facilities could be provided if they are practical and compatible with the primary school's core use and education goals. The Department will consult further on the provision of these facilities with the City of Sydney and the local community as part of the planning and design process, which will take place this year.

Thank you for your representations.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

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