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The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education
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Dear Minister

Ultimo Public School

Thank you for the progress made with the Ultimo Public School, with the department's decision to propose a new 1,000 student facility on the former City of Sydney Wattle Street Depot site. This is a significant achievement that has won widespread community support.

The new school investment promises to address local schooling needs into the future, with significant increased capacity. It also offers a unique opportunity to address local community needs, and I request that planning include key concerns for the local community.

I ask that planning for this new facility include consultation with the school community, Ultimo and Pyrmont residents and businesses and the City of Sydney to ensure that it meets projected needs.

Constituents have already raised concerns with me about the need for after school childcare facilities to be included in the new school. Given the serious lack of childcare services across the inner city, it is vital that other childcare facilities also be included in the building while the school has fewer students.

Local residents have suggested that the school facilities include multi-purpose sports and recreation facilities that could be made available to local organisations and the community. School hall and meeting facilities could also be included as public access space for local events and adult education classes.

I share community concern that this significant investment be planned wisely to provide important social infrastructure for the local community.

Could you please ensure that these proposals are included in planning for a new Ultimo Public School and inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney
CC: Lord Mayor of Sydney

