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From: (Redacted)
E mail address: (Redacted)

10 June 2022

Dear: (Redacted)

Thank you for your emails of 7 and 8 June 2022 to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language concerning Cardiff Council's plans for the expansion of Cathays High School. I have been asked to reply.

Thank you for the invitation to attend the meeting on Wednesday 15 June 2022. However, the Welsh Government does not comment on specific proposals which Cardiff Council or other local authorities are progressing.

Local authorities are responsible for developing their strategic programmes of investment and prioritise projects to progress under the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme (formerly the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme).

All projects that receive Welsh Government funding through the Programme, regardless of whether they are revenue or capital funded, are subject to the successful completion of a robust business case process. During this process proposals would be rigorously assessed by policy officials, including those with responsibility for school organisation, transport, sport provision and sustainability.

To date a business case has not been submitted for the proposed expansion of Cathays High School.

In relation to the criteria for funding, comprehensive guidance is available on the Welsh Government's website, which can be accessed using the link below.
[Sustainable Communities for Learning: business case guidance | GOV.WALES](#)

All new secondary school buildings funded as part of the Programme should be developed in accordance with Building Bulletin 98 and the Education (School

Premises) Regulations 1999 to ensure that they are of a sufficient size to meet the needs of staff, learners and the community.

We would be happy to respond to any specific queries regarding the Programme following the meeting.

Please also accept this letter as acknowledgement of the information you have recently provided. This information will be reviewed alongside any future requests for funding.

Yours sincerely

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Education Directorate