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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

OneSchool

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations) (10.03 am): The Bligh government is supporting state schools to provide the best possible education for Queensland students by ensuring they are equipped with the tools they need to do their job. One of these tools is OneSchool, the generic name given to a number of programs that commenced in 2008 to assist teachers, administration staff and principals with the day-to-day running of state schools. Since that time the existing features of OneSchool have been operating successfully for tasks such as student enrolments, curriculum, assessment and reporting. I am pleased to report that the latest stage of the rollout of the OneSchool system is progressing well.

MacGregor State High School in Brisbane and Glennie Heights State School in Warwick are currently piloting release 3. The new functions are primarily used for school accounting as well as student and asset record management. The Department of Education and Training has been working closely with key stakeholders, including the Queensland Teachers Union, the Queensland Public Sector Union and United Voice as well as on-the-ground staff, who have all offered valuable feedback. They have been monitoring the rollout and so have expressed their satisfaction with the components and the process.

The government makes no apologies for taking a careful and considered approach to the implementation of these functions. It is important that school staff are adequately trained in the new components and that the components suit their needs and ultimately make their jobs easier. I am advised that early feedback from the two pilot schools, which began using the new functions last month, is positive and that the features will be extended to 37 other schools this weekend. Once the pilot is complete and we are satisfied with it, the third stage will be progressively rolled out in all state schools throughout the year.

The primary objective of schools is to provide a first-class education to students. Any administrative support program should support them to do this, and that is why sensible steps are being taken to ensure the third stage ticks all the boxes before it goes state-wide. I look forward to providing further updates on what has been a very successful rollout so far.