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## ADJOURNMENT

### Sunnybank Special School; AEIOU Parent Conference

 **Mr RUSSO** (Sunnybank—ALP) (2.16 am): I rise in the House this morning to reflect on two matters that have occurred that concern the parents and students in my electorate of Sunnybank. The first is the announcement yesterday by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Kate Jones, for funding to three schools in my electorate. I intend to mention at least one of those schools, the Sunnybank Special School. That school will have \$5 million invested to redevelop classrooms to ease the demands it faces from the extra students who want to enrol in that great school. I know that the principal, Darren Greenway, will be a very happy man indeed.

The AEIOU parent conference was held at Griffith University on 4 March. Members may be asking themselves what the announcement of funding for the Sunnybank Special School has to do with the AEIOU conference, and I will explain. Parents all have the same hope for their children. The hope is that our children have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The funds that the Palaszczuk Labor government committed to the Sunnybank Special School are a commitment to the parents in my electorate that we as a government are committed to their dreams and hopes and that we as a government want children to be able to reach their full potential.

At the AEIOU conference on 4 March it was clear that parents of children with disabilities often face many challenges in finding services to help their children achieve their full potential. The Palaszczuk Labor government is committed to ensuring that children with disabilities have appropriate services. This financial year the Palaszczuk Labor government is providing more than \$5.8 million to Autism Queensland and AEIOU for early intervention services for children. The intention is to roll out this service across our great state. In conclusion, the commitments of the Labor Palaszczuk government to the children of the Sunnybank electorate are clearly shown by the financial commitments to both the Sunnybank Special School and AEIOU.