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## ADJOURNMENT

### Buderim Electorate, Schools

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (7.24 pm): Tomorrow, like every school day, more than 13,000 young Queensland school students will attend a primary or a secondary school in Buderim. On top of that, every year more than 13,000 students study at the University of the Sunshine Coast at Sippy Downs, which is also in the Buderim electorate. Hopefully, these numbers provide some context as to why good schools are so important to my community.

Today, I hope to give voice to the concerns of teachers, parents and students who fear that our schools are heaving under the weight of massive population growth. I call on the government to hear their voice and commit to building the new schools they so desperately need. Every week, I speak to members of my community who are concerned about the growth in student numbers across the Sunshine Coast and the impact that it is having on teachers, students and parents. I met with one local parent, Mrs Heather Preston, who told me of her concerns that the growth in student numbers in Palmview has the potential to 'compromise individual students' wellbeing, playground space and education quality, not to mention the pressures that it places on the already congested local road network'. I share Heather's concerns.

I have previously spoken in parliament about my concerns that the current high performance of schools in my electorate will be under threat if the current growth in student numbers is not supported with additional investment. Some of the largest and best performing state schools in Queensland sit in my electorate of Buderim—schools such as Chancellor State College and Mountain Creek State High School. Chancellor State College alone has 3,100 students and Mountain Creek State High School has more than 2,000 students.

Although the government is building some more classrooms in my local schools, the solution is not bigger schools; it is new schools. With another 17,000 people expected to move into the Palmview area in coming years, now is the time for the government to commit to funding a new primary and secondary school. We need proactive investment to ensure that the influx of new residents does not cause further overcrowding. We need action now.

A new school to cater for the thousands of new residents in Palmview is critical. There has been enough talk about planning for this school. It is time to get on with building the school. This is an important issue that is impacting on families in my electorate now. Parents, students and teachers deserve better than this.

I encourage all the residents of my electorate who share my concerns to add their name to a community petition, which voices the community's concerns and calls on the state government to fund construction of a new primary and secondary school in Palmview. Residents can sign the petition at [www.newschool4palmview.com.au](http://www.newschool4palmview.com.au).

This issue is not about politics; it is about ensuring that all Sunshine Coast students can get a great education. I implore the government to hear my community's voice and make building new schools in Palmview a priority.