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ADJOURNMENT

Education Week; World Teachers' Day

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.33 pm): This week is State Education Week. It is a great opportunity for me to acknowledge my son, Callum, who graduated this year with a Master of Teaching. I congratulate Callum. He has a really proud mum. Callum is teaching at Aviation State High School at Hendra and he is loving his new job in this fast-paced environment at a state-of-the-art, great school specialising in aviation. Callum, like all teachers across our great state, works hard to give our kids great educational outcomes. I thank him and all the teachers across the state—in particular, of course, on the bayside—given that it is World Teachers' Day on Friday.

I want to tell the House how proud I was to hear Minister Grace earlier today tell us that the Queensland Department of Education had been honoured by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the United States of America. The department was only one of three recipients from around the world to receive this prestigious award. I say congratulations and, may I say, very well deserved, because I know how hard each and every member of the department works.

There is no better time than this week to reflect on Queensland's education sector, with the Palaszczuk government delivering on its ironclad commitment to give every child a great start and a world-class education. Across the bayside, our kids are really benefiting from this commitment by the Palaszczuk government, with new buildings growing right in front of their eyes.

Lota State School has seen over \$1.3 million in investment to refurbish learning areas and to build a new prep building with two learning centres. The very much loved Darling Point Special School, under the great leadership of Charmaine Driver, is well into planning for the new \$1 million building for general learning areas. Right across the bayside schools are benefiting—from \$300,000 to Wondall Heights State School for a new outdoor learning centre and over \$800,000 across local schools for maintenance and minor works. These projects mean not only that our kids' schools continue to be the best in the state but also jobs. Investing in infrastructure means jobs for local tradies, chippies, plumbers, sparkies, painters and landscapers.

I thank all teachers. I wish them all a fabulous World Teachers' Day. Finally, I congratulate Callum on choosing such a worthy and important profession. I know that he will bring so much to his students with his generosity of spirit, his good nature and passion for state education.