

Question on Notice

No. 343

Asked on 2 May 2013

Mr Judge asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the 55 schools in Queensland earmarked for sale—

Will the Minister confirm if Nyanda State High School (which has been named in the media) within the Yeerongpilly Electorate is one and if so, when will consultation be undertaken with the school staff and parents to address their concerns?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

As announced on 3 May 2013, Nyanda State High School is one of nine schools identified for proposed closure or amalgamation under the Department of Education, Training and Employment's School Viability Assessment in 2013.

However, this does not mean that any of the schools identified will be automatically closed. Since the announcement, my Department has commenced the significant consultation process necessary to inform any decision on closure. Consultation with staff, students, parents and the broader school community will enable the identification of issues and circumstances that are unique to each school.

Supporting our commitment to a robust community consultation in each of the school communities, my Department has appointed an independent consultant, JTA Australia, to lead and manage the community consultation process in each school.

Community consultation has commenced in the Nyanda State High School community and will be finalised by the end of August 2013.

Community members are invited to make written submissions regarding the proposed closure via email to nyandashs@dete.qld.gov.au or post by to:

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