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Clerk to Panel on Education
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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(Attn: Ms Angel WONG)

Dear Ms WONG,

Panel on Education
Follow-up to the meeting on 11 May 2018

I refer to your letter of 14 May 2018 to the Secretary for Education. The supplementary information on the “Construction of an assembly hall at Munsang College at 8 Dumbarton Road, Kowloon City” (i.e. Project 8096EB) as requested by the Panel on Education is set out below:

At present, there are about 850 ordinary public sector primary and secondary school premises built in different periods in accordance with the standards at the time of construction, which cover various facilities and have been changing over the years. As at May 2018, about 200 of them were built according to the prevailing standards. According to the information provided by the public sector schools concerned, there are 10 schools (consisting of seven primary schools and three secondary schools) without assembly hall or covered playground-cum-assembly hall facility, with two of them being caput secondary schools. The remaining eight are aided schools and two of them have applied to this Bureau for in-situ redevelopment, including Munsang

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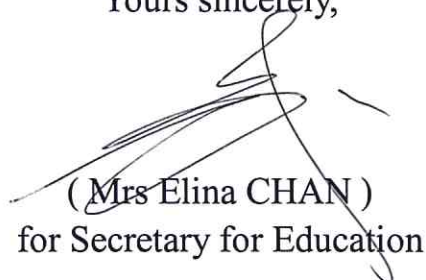
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College under 8096EB, as well as another school of which the technical feasibility and cost effectiveness of the in-situ redevelopment proposal are in doubt due to various constraints such as site size and hence not supported by this Bureau.

We understand that the community is concerned about school facilities. Over the years, the Education Bureau has enhanced the facilities of school premises through various measures according to the needs of schools, so as to improve their teaching and learning environment. However, given that resources are not unlimited, it would not be possible for the Government to fully accommodate enhancement suggestions of all schools. We will continue to carry out the necessary improvement works for schools through existing measures, including the annual Major Repairs (MR) Exercise and the Emergency Repairs (ER) Mechanism. In this connection, the Government has reserved some \$1,512.9 million in 2018-19 as non-recurrent subvention for MR and ER works for schools, a substantial increase of nearly 28% as compared with the estimated provision for 2017-18. Taking into account various factors (including optimising the use of public resources and technical feasibility), we will actively explore other feasible means to enhance school facilities. We will also continue to actively identify suitable sites and vacant school premises for reprovisioning purposes and expedite school allocation under the established mechanism to improve the teaching and learning environment of existing schools.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education