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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, 16 June 2020

Assalamualaikum

You may have seen a media report today that speculates about the one remaining matter from the past management of Malek Fahd Islamic School. It involves the NSW State Government funding that the School received in 2014 and 2015.

We are confident of an outcome that assures the future of the School.

In February, we informed you that our appeal to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal had set aside a previous recommendation to the Minister that the School return the \$11 million in State Government funding provided to the School in 2014 and 2015.

Instead, it recommended that the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning suspend our State funding until we satisfy her that we comply with all conditions for receiving State funding.

In line with the Tribunal's February ruling, the Minister wrote to the School to suspend State funding until the School provides the evidence of its compliance.

We have been providing this information progressively and expect to provide the last of it to the Minister by the end of this week. The information needs to satisfy the Minister that we comply with all governance requirements. As we said in February, we are in an excellent position to do this.

Once we have provided this information, we must respect that the Minister will need some time to consider it and make her decision, which will include the amount of any repayment.

We look forward to advising you of the outcome of this final matter. It has been a long and difficult period for the School after the current Board set about sorting out the problems of the past. As you know, separate matters with the Federal Government and with AFIC all have been satisfactorily resolved.

It is a relief that this matter will, therefore, soon be resolved. Once this last matter is behind us the School will – with your support and that of the entire Malek Fahd community – be able to put the past behind it and move on to realise its true potential.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair