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From: Ramon Peachey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 10 August 2012 4:33 PM
To: Shayne Blackman
Cc: Lurleen Blackman
Subject: FW: LETTER TO MINISTER GARETT FROM REV SHAYNE BLACKMAN
 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good afternoon Shayne

Please find following the response from Minster Garrett's office. I will follow up again on Monday stating the urgency of the meeting and the cost of inaction if there is no Ministerial focus and intervention into this issue.

Regards

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From: GRANT,Rebecca [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 10 August 2012 4:38 PM
To: Ramon Peachey
Subject: RE: LETTER TO MINISTER GARETT FROM REV SHAYNE BLACKMAN [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Ramon,

This is to confirm receipt of your invitation for Rev Shayne Blackman to meet with the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth. This is currently with the Minister and under consideration.

Due to the high volume of urgent correspondence that the Minister receives there is usually a 4-6 week turnaround to process any diary requests. I have flagged this request as urgent with the Ministers PA however and can assure you that as soon as the Minister advises us to do so we most certainly will be in touch. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Grant
 Receptionist
 for The Hon. Peter Garrett AM MP
 Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth
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From: Ramon Peachey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 10 August 2012 4:22 PM
To: GRANT,Rebecca
Subject: LETTER TO MINISTER GARETT FROM REV SHAYNE BLACKMAN

From: Shayne Blackman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 8:57 AM
To: PeterGarrett[REDACTED]
Subject:

Dear Minister Garrett,

Please let me introduce myself.

I am Shayne Blackman chairman of Shalom Christian College an Indigenous School based in Townsville North Queensland.

Shalom Christian College is a major Indigenous developed and operated educational initiative based in North Queensland 400+ Indigenous students with over 250 boarders. The students come from across the Northern Territory South Australia and Western Australia.

There has been a rapid increase in student demand with enrolment numbers increasing.

The impact = present resources are stretched to support all students at the same level as in the past, plus there are new expectations arising in terms of educational delivery that accompany such growth

Many students come from the NT and WA however federal resources directed at those states but funding does not follow those students.

As a short example of the challenges we face in 2011 58%enroled with chronic disease issues or medical conditions requiring care plans, 26% enrolled with substance abuse issues, 17% of secondary enrolment presented with self harming behaviours that required intervention.

I would request an urgent meeting to present a fuller picture of the situation with which we are faced to discuss the possibility of additional support to enable these and kids like them to be successful in education.

I can be contacted on 0747. 735077 or

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Yours Sincerely,

Rev Shayne Blackman

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