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Minister for Education and Training
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Cr Grant Henley
Mayor

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Dear Cr Henley and Mr Archer

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 April 2021, and received in my office on 12 April 2021, extending congratulations on my reappointment as Minister for Education and Training; Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

Education and training is critical to the McGowan Government's ongoing commitment to diversify the State's economy and create jobs for Western Australians. Our renewed WA Jobs Plan is focused on increasing employment opportunities. I am pleased there is a particular focus on areas within my portfolio of responsibilities that support apprentices and trainees, expands vocational education and training in schools and improves career guidance for young people.

We have invested heavily in training to achieve this, including freezing course fees and reducing course fee costs by up to 72 per cent for 180 high-priority courses. Our \$164 million capital works project to upgrade essential infrastructure across the five TAFE colleges and our \$25 million commitment for TAFE equipment upgrades will also ensure students are learning in world-class, industry-standard facilities.

Schools within the City of Busselton will also benefit from the Government's \$104 million investment in student support and wellbeing, \$44.6 million renewable energy program, and \$355 million school infrastructure and STEM packages.

While I do not currently have any travel plans to be in Busselton, I look forward to meeting with you when the opportunity arises.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I look forward to working with you to deliver positive education and training outcomes for the City of Busselton.

Yours sincerely

**SUE ELLERY MLC
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 3 MAY 2021