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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: RYDE MAYOR WELCOMES SCHOOL & TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, has welcomed this week's announcements by Prime Minister Turnbull and Premier Berejiklian.

Mayor Laxale said: "It is heartening to see that the State Government has adopted my policy position from January 2016 when I highlighted the opportunity to repurchase the Peter Board School Site that was closed in 1998. This site should have never been sold, and it is good news that it will be returning into public hands.

"The need for adequate regional infrastructure and the lack of schools in the Macquarie Park area, coupled with significant population growth forecasts, have made this issue critical for some time and I am pleased that the NSW Government has finally acted. Better late than never.

"Furthermore, the Macquarie Park Bus Interchange announcement has been a long time coming. It would have been nice to have had the Federal and State Government fund this back when Council first identified this project as critical in 2013.

"Had this announcement been made sooner, it would be at or nearing completion, which would have helped during the rail line shut-down," the Mayor said.

Figures show that local schools in the City of Ryde are at or near capacity, with reports suggesting up to a 40 percent increase in enrolments in recent years.

Planned Priority Precincts at Macquarie Park and North Ryde will see the residential population in the area increase by 15,000.

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