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Dear Steve,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the local Member of Scottish Parliament with regards to serious concerns that constituents have raised with me in relation to the Nairn Academy building.

I have had several representations from users of this facility over its current building standards. Ensuring our children's education is of the highest standard is an issue that is of vital importance to many members of the public.

I was concerned to note from the representations made to me by constituents of reported leaks, holes in the wall, broken heaters, cracks in the building and of asbestos being reported in the roof of the Nairn Academy building.

Indeed, I believe that many pupils, parents and staff are keen for the Highland Council to facilitate the go ahead for works on a new and updated education facility. It has been highlighted to me that there was the possibility of having a new Nairn Academy building on the Highland Council capital budget plan around 10 years ago and that the building is now approaching double the age of its life expectancy.

I am therefore writing to enquire about what plans are being put into place for Nairn Academy moving forward and would like to note my support for this school to be considered as a priority in the Highland Council's capital budget plan due to be announced in the coming weeks.

I do hope that we can reach a positive outcome on this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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