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Ms Lidia Lo Giusto Coroners Registrar Coroners Court of Victoria Level 1, 222 Exhibition Street MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Ms Lo Giusto

MIN 128309

Thank you for your letter regarding the Investigation into the death of Nathan Francis, and the enclosed copy of the Coroner's Findings.

The Victorian Government takes the issue of student safety and wellbeing very seriously and is committed to ensuring that Victorian schools and children's services are providing safe and supportive environments for all children and young people. In July 2008, Victoria became the first state in Australia to introduce anaphylaxis management legislation.

I am advised that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently preparing a written response to the Coroner's recommendations and will submit this to your office by 4 September 2012, as per your instructions.

I am confident that the Department will give each recommendation serious consideration and expect that each will be able to be implemented and in place by the end of 2012.

If you would like further advice regarding this matter, you may contact Ms Kris Arcaro, Director, Student Wellbeing and Engagement Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, on 9637 2012, or by email: arcaro.kris.f@edumail.vic.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP Minister for Education



