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## Extensive Local Tenders Available for School Works

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton has urged local building and maintenance contractors to tender for works at schools in his electorate as part of the National School Pride (NSP) program.

"All schools in this region will receive between \$50,000 to \$200,000 for maintenance and minor building works," Dr Nahan said.

"This is Australian Government funding being fast tracked by the State Government to deliver the best possible outcomes for Western Australia. This program should create jobs in the electorate and the community's pride in their local schools will be enhanced with the maintenance work."

"I urge local building and maintenance businesses of all sizes to go to the website <http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au> and get involved in this program. Works on the schools will start in June 2009 so the benefits will be seen in our local community very quickly."

Dr Nahan said the State Government has also received approval for its first round of submissions for Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the capital element of the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution initiative that will see libraries, assembly areas or additional classrooms built at every primary school in the State.

"The first round of tenders for primary schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century projects will be advertised in mid May and further tender rounds are expected to be advertised in June and August," said Dr Nahan.

Dr Nahan said four local primary schools had been successful in Round One.

"Castlereagh School has been allocated \$920,000 for multipurpose rooms and Riverton Primary School will get \$250,000 for new smart boards, a new colourbond verandah, a barrier fence and the enclosure of the current verandah," said Dr Nahan.

"The funding will also go towards ceiling, carpet, gutters and brickwork repairs and an electrical upgrade to the school and the Riverton Education Support Centre. In addition, Orana Catholic Primary School received \$200,000 and the Queen of Apostles School received \$148,000 for refurbishments at those two schools."

"This funding should create further jobs and improve the quality of education facilities, which goes hand-in-hand with the State Government's election promise of an additional \$350 million to be spent on WA public schools over the next six years."

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