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Local High School to Receive over \$1.4 million

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce that Francis Greenway High School in Beresfield will receive \$1,475,521 in funding as part of the Rudd Labor Government's Science and Learning Centres for the 21st Century.

Funding under the Science and Learning Centres for the 21st Century is allocated on a competitive needs basis, and will go towards the construction of new or refurbished science laboratories and language centres or dual facilities.

"This is a great recognition for the staff and students of Francis Greenway," Ms Grierson said.

"They have been the only school in the Newcastle electorate to receive funding from this part of the Rudd Labor Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution (BER)."

Construction of these projects will commence quickly, providing immediate support for jobs.

"Under the BER, Newcastle schools have now received over \$60 million in funding which has gone towards a wide range of construction projects," Ms Grierson said.

"With latest unemployment figures in the Hunter dropping, this has provided invaluable support to local jobs and the economy, as well as providing our schools and communities with state of the art learning facilities."

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is working with education authorities in relation to a number of other applications from schools which are yet to be finalise the costings for their projects. A further announcement will be made when this process has been completed.

Funding from the BER is still available, with applications for Round Three of Primary Schools for the 21st Century close on 10 July 2009. This will see all remaining eligible Australian schools receive funding.

A full list of successful schools and their planned projects are available at:
www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au

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