INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM

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The hall opening was 3.2 metres instead of 3.7 metres. I was informed that power points were 1.2 metres off the ground so we could hose the stage out but it has plaster walls, and a linoleum floor covering ! I was asked about colours we wanted with a 5 minute turn around on the last day of Term 1.

The roller door was to be boxed in. This wasn't necessary so I was told we could use the saved funds somewhere else. Joshua asked me to ask Mackenzie's what the saving would be. Adrian asked me to ask Joshua. At our last meeting on the 6 th May I was informed that there was no saving because the project had already gone $ 88 380 *over* budget !!! Unbelievable !!!

We will not be receiving any furniture, curtains, plants, a covered walkway or security lighting ? What has our school gained ? Not a hall but a 21 st Century 5 metre x 5 metre extension to our existing COLA on one end and an enclosed 5 metre x 5 metre extension on the other. The cost of our the **BER - Multi Purpose Space** a staggering **$ 338 380** with additional expenses still to be added !!!

Considering what we managed to get for our **NATIONAL PRIDE** funding (Which I managed and had some control of) to say the Huntingdon School Community is disappointed with our **BER - Multi Purpose Space** would be an understatement!

For **$ 50 000** of **NATIONAL PRIDE** funding we managed to get :-

- Extensive covered walkways throughout the whole school.
- Widened and extended concrete paths to the parking area.
- A concrete slab and 6m x 3 x m x 2.4 m coloured metal sports storage shed with roller door.
- New steel football / combination soccer posts.
- An $ 8 000 top of the range school sign and mat.
- A new water pump.
- Cable upgrade for our Interactive Whiteboard.