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Sheed calls on government to invest in educational leadership in Shepparton

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed has called on the state government to open a regional centre for Educational Leadership in Shepparton.

Ms Sheed said opening a regional office of the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership – which is the professional learning arm of the Victorian [Department of Education and Training](#) – would help ensure educational excellence in Shepparton and the whole of the Hume region.

“It would also support the education revolution that is currently happening in Shepparton. While we are seeing an amazing new purpose-built school emerging on the Hawdon Street site we all know that it is what goes on within the classroom that is so very important,” Ms Sheed said.

“For our teachers to be able to access the professional learning that they want in their own community would provide great ongoing support both locally and across the region.”

The state government has indicated it is open to creating a regional arm of the Institute.

“Bastow is a division of the Department's Schools and Regional Services Group but has no permanent physical presence outside central Melbourne,” Ms Sheed said.

“A Bastow presence would provide that ongoing impetus and enthusiasm among our teachers from the very earliest stages right through to when children finally finish in year 12 and lift educational standards right across the region.”

“My proposal would integrate perfectly with the State Government's Budget announcement of \$119 million for the construction of the merged four secondary schools to create Greater Shepparton Secondary College at a new purpose-built campus.”

“Locating a regional Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership at the College makes logical, economic and educational sense,” Ms Sheed said.

“Children and teachers across all of Victoria’s regions deserve all the support they can get. The economy and the jobs of the future depend on the best educational outcomes possible.”

“Locating a Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership office in Shepparton is a no-brainer.”

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