

**DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, BEAULIEU CONVENT SCHOOL AND
FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL: LOANS**

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by the Education Committee**



STATES OF JERSEY

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to agree in principle that the Finance and Economics Committee should make available interest-free loans to De La Salle College, Beaulieu Convent School and FCJ Primary School, to be secured on the premises of the respective schools, to enable them to undertake essential capital development so that appropriate provision may be made for their pupils.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Note: The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

REPORT

1. Background

- 1.1 The following Church Schools - De La Salle College, Beaulieu Convent School and F.C.J. Primary School are seeking financial support from the States, by way of interest-free loans, in order that they can meet ongoing demands for capital investment to enable the schools to continue to make a major contribution to the Island's education system.

2. Significance of Church Schools to education in Jersey

- 2.1 The Education Committee considers that the significance of the contribution that the Church Schools make to education in Jersey may be judged in terms of scale, quality and economy.
- 2.2 Scale: the Church Schools provide for 11 per cent of all children educated in Jersey schools, as follows -

	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Secondary</i>
F.C.J.	285	-
De La Salle	323	441
Beaulieu	210	425

- 2.3 Quality: the schools are highly regarded within the community and contribute greatly to the success of the students who attend them and, indeed, to the overall success of the Island's education service. This may be judged, in part, by success in public examinations but, even more so, through the rich curricular and extra curricular activities which the schools offer.

In 1999, the performance of the schools in public examinations (GCSE and GCE 'A' level) was as follows -

GCSE	%									% students gaining 5 or more A*-C
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U/X	
Beaulieu	4.8	26.3	26.9	28.4	9.0	3.3	1.1	0.2	0	87.9
De La Salle	4.1	14.9	27.0	37.7	10.0	3.0	2.2	0.2	0.9	85.5
all schools	5.4	16.3	22.3	26.9	14.6	7.9	4.5	1.6	0.6	63.7

GCE 'A' level	%							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	% A*-C
Beaulieu	17.2	19.8	26.7	19.0	15.5	0.9	0.9	63.7
De La Salle	20.0	18.6	25.7	14.3	10.0	8.6	2.9	64.3
all schools	19.0	22.2	23.9	18.5	10.7	4.1	1.6	65.1

These standards are typical of the levels of performance of the schools and are the hallmarks of consistent achievement over many years.

Such measures are, of course, only one aspect of the quality of provision within the schools.

- 2.4 Economy: The three schools represent a significant part of the Island's educational infrastructure with land and buildings which have a current value of around £60 million that has been provided without capital investment from the States.

The schools receive a revenue grant from the Education Committee, for each pupil, based on 25 per cent of the cost of educating a pupil of primary school age and 50 per cent of educating a pupil of secondary school age in the Island's non-fee

paying schools. For 1999, the grants awarded to the schools were as follows -

	£
FCJ	202,384
De La Salle	1,059,988
Beaulieu	959,403
	<u>2,221,775</u>

Had the full cost of these places been borne by the States, the revenue implications, are as follows -

	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Secondary</i>	<i>Total</i>
FCJ	477,200	-	477,200
De La Salle	562,400	1,169,500	1,731,900
Beaulieu	348,500	1,196,000	1,544,500
			<u>3,753,600</u>

Thus, it may reasonably be argued that the “saving” to the States represents around £60 million in capital investment and in excess of £1.5 million in annual revenue expenditure.

3. The need for capital development at Church Schools

- 3.1 The Church Schools are seeking support for their ongoing capital development programmes to enable them to continue to provide appropriately for their pupils and to meet the demands of the curriculum. The anticipated requirements (at 1998 prices) for the period 2000 - 2007 are -

De La Salle College	£5.0 million
Beaulieu Convent School	£7.8 million
FCJ Primary School	£1.1 million

Details of the individual projects are shown in the attached Appendix.

- 3.2 The introduction of Curriculum 2000 will result in an expansion in the post-16 roll and this makes the need for capital development urgent in the case of the combined VI form for Beaulieu and De La Salle. At De La Salle the “staying on” rate has already risen from 45 per cent in 1998 to 65 per cent in 1999. The need to provide adequate facilities is pressing if the schools are to continue to play their part in sustaining the excellent standards which apply in the Island’s schools.

4. Effect on the States Capital Programme

- 4.1 The Education Committee is aware that the States capital programme is already insufficient to meet the demands of all States’ Committees. The proposal for interest-free loans to Church Schools would reduce the demands on the States capital programme and the value of the loans will be guaranteed through the school properties, against which the States would have first call should the conditions of the loans not be met.

5. Proposal for interest-free loans

- 5.1 The Education Committee is of the opinion that the granting of interest-free loans to the Island’s Church School is the most advantageous method of ensuring that they are able to meet ongoing demands for capital investment to continue to make a major contribution to the Island’s education system.
- 5.2 The funds would be advanced on the security of the school premises themselves, and in the event that any of the Church Schools ceased to provide their services, or failed to meet adequate educational standards, the States would have the first call on the school properties either to utilise them for educational purposes or to realise the assets in satisfaction of their debt, in either case with the School in question being entitled to the net residual value of the asset.
- 5.3 A planned and phased construction programme will be drawn up and agreed between the schools and the Education Committee. Funding will be drawn down on a phased basis against architects’ certificates, or as an agreed lump sum.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This report recommends how the States can support the Church Schools, by way of interest-free loans, in order that they can meet ongoing demands for capital investment to enable them to make appropriate provision for their pupils. It is essential that this capital development takes place if the Church Schools are to continue to make a significant contribution to education in Jersey.

APPENDIX

Year	De La Salle College	£'000
2000	Library and Resources, Hall and Music Rooms	20
2001	<i>as above</i>	2,110
2002	History Department	420
2003	English and GNVQ Departments	672
2004	<i>as above</i>	47
2005	Demolish existing pool and form new Sports Complex	40
2006	<i>as above</i>	1,714
	Total	<u>5,023</u>

Beaulieu Convent School

2000	Sixth Form Centre and Curriculum areas	4,000
2002	Sports Hall	1,750
2004	Extension to Art Block	750
2006	Primary School Extension	1,250
	Total	<u>7,750</u>

FCJ Primary School

1999	West and South Elevations	140
2000	East and North Elevations	160
2001	Single Storey Wing; IT Installation	220
2002	Main Entrance	110
2003	Boiler, Kitchen and Electrical	110
2004/7	Ongoing Repairs	300
	Total	<u>1,040</u>