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THIS GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MORE FOR EDUCATION THAN THE GSD DID IN 16 YEARS

The GSD are not able to fool anyone in Gibraltar in their attempt to defend their record in Education. Everyone who looks at the facts will inevitably come to the conclusion that this Government has done more for Education in 3.5 years than the GSD did in 16 years. The facts speak for themselves whether the GSD like it or not.

The latest GSD press release talks of the 'forgotten' schools. They must, of course, be referring to those schools that they neglected in their 16 years in office.

The GSD's suggestion that they started the project for the two new schools at the old St Bernard's Hospital site is pure invention. What they did was to turn a blind eye to the state of both St Bernard's First School and Sacred Heart Middle School and completely abandon these two schools.

It was this Government that invited proposals for the design and build of the two schools. It was this Government that chose the best design. It was this Government that committed funds to this project and commissioned contractors to build the schools. It is this Government that will deliver the two new schools by September of this year. All of this has happened within this term of office.

The Government notes the tacit acceptance in the GSD press release that their "star project" in Education, the building of a mega secondary school in the Rooke area, is being abandoned. This was always an ill-conceived idea which did not enjoy the support of any educationalist. The GSD have clearly realised the error of their ways and are now back-tracking.

With no record to defend and having being forced to abandon their plans, the GSD's policy on Education is now in tatters.