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Government Minister washes hands of Wick High School

The SNP's Minister for Schools and Skills has declined an invitation from Highlands and Islands MSP Peter Peacock to meet the parents at Wick High School.

Mr Peacock suggested that the Minister could hear first hand of the problems faced by pupils and staff who must attend the school, which parents are concerned is now becoming unsafe.

Mr Peacock said that he was very disappointed at Maureen Watt's response - which said that the school was Highland Council's responsibility.

"The Minister washed her hands of the problem and held out little prospect of Wick advancing.

"I will continue to press the government for action and will work with parents to make representations to secure extra money for Wick."

"I asked if the school could expect to get extra cash from the Scottish Futures Trust, which is the SNP's still awaited alternative to PPP funding, but she gave no answer," he added.

"It is vital that the government finds a way to deal with the conditions at Wick High School - the money made available to Highland Council simply doesn't cover it," he said.

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