

Initiating consultation on new proposals

This fact sheet outlines the process for affected schools following the Minister's announcement that she is initiating consultation on two further proposals involving Central New Brighton School, Freeville School and North New Brighton School.

The proposals are:

- » a three-way merger between Central New Brighton School, Freeville School and North New Brighton School
- » closure of Central New Brighton School.

The Minister's **final** decision is that Central New Brighton School and South New Brighton School should not merge. South New Brighton School will remain open as a separate entity.

The Minister has **deferred** making a final decision on whether Freeville School and North New Brighton School should merge until the consultation about the two new proposals has taken place.

The Boards of Central New Brighton, Freeville and North New Brighton have until **4pm 10 July 2013** to provide feedback on the proposals, although they can provide feedback earlier than this if they wish.

The Board may choose to consult with its community during this response process.

The response should be addressed to **Kathryn Palmer, Acting Regional Manager, Ministry of Education, PO Box 2522, Christchurch 8140.**

The feedback will then be considered alongside the submissions the Minister has had from the Boards previously, before a decision is made. Once the proposals are finalised in any form, they will be effective from May 2014.

The Ministry will pay up to \$4,000 to fund a facilitator to support each Board during this process (up to 30 hours at \$100 per hour plus \$1,000 for other costs).

The Board may use the same facilitator that it used for the previous consultations or it may contract someone else. (The Ministry has a list of suitably experienced people.)

Your Ministry specialist senior advisor is also available to assist.

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