



Good Day All,

#### Timaru

- **Time & Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2015
- **Session 1:** 4pm- 6:30pm
- **Venue:** Bridge Club ,63 Wilson Street ,Seaview ,Timaru

#### Christchurch

- **Time & Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2015
- **Session 1:** 2:30pm – 4pm
- **Session 2:** 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Venue:** Addington Raceway, Legends Lounge, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington.

Special Education continues to be a major priority for the Ministry of Education. While much has been achieved in recent years in inclusive education, there is more to be done. We invite you to attend a Special Education Update forum to learn about our direction and discuss improvement ideas.

We want to reduce fragmentation of services, simplify access to extra learning support and increase the consistency of services across the country, so children and young people who need extra support can progress and achieve.

Our Special Education Update is looking at the whole education system including the Ministry's responsibilities - from early childhood, through primary, secondary and tertiary education.

We want a range of views to inform decisions about improvements. So far we've worked with representative groups, professionals and some individuals (including parents) in forums to discuss priority improvements.

We understand more people want to contribute so we've decided to hold extra forums – mainly for parents but others are also welcome.

These additional forums are being held from mid August to 4 September. We are using the same format as earlier forums and will include all contributions into the analysis and decisions about priority improvements.

Please RSVP to [aletta.reyneke@education.govt.nz](mailto:aletta.reyneke@education.govt.nz) so we know how many people plan to attend - and let us know if you have any special requirements. If background reading isn't attached to this invitation please be sure to ask for it when you RSVP.

We want all learners to achieve and succeed. Everyone's contribution to this work is important, no matter where you live or work – in schools, kura, early learning centres families/whānau and communities right around New Zealand.

#### **Kindest Regards**

Coralanne Child – Director of Education for Canterbury  
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