

The process for the initial consultation period

This factsheet outlines the timeline and process for the consultation period.

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The Minister informs the Board of Trustees of Redcliffs School of her proposal for closure.

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In accordance with section 154 of the Education Act 1989, the Minister initiates consultation with the Board of Trustees on this proposal. The Board of Trustees has until 4pm, 1 May 2015 to respond.

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The Ministry will pay up to \$2,500 to fund a facilitator to support the Board to consult with its community and prepare its submission (up to 20 hours @ \$100 per hour plus \$500 for other costs).

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In accordance with section 157 of the Education Act 1989, the Ministry will, on behalf of the Minister, consult with the Boards of Trustees of schools whose rolls might be affected if Redcliffs School were to close. Boards will have until 4pm, 1 May 2015 to respond.

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Following this, submissions will go through a process of in-depth analysis. This may include network modelling by Ministry analysts, using network, social, and school data, to ensure a robust and balanced view of the school's current and potential future state.

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All analysis will be peer reviewed to check for any discrepancies. Reasons for either remaining with the Minister's initial proposal or recommending a new option will be discussed.

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A report for the Minister will be drafted, including the Board's response, submissions from other schools or sources, any alternative proposals, the preferred Ministry option(s) and the reason for this.

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The report will be quality reviewed by the Ministry before being submitted to the Minister for her consideration.

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The Minister will consider all information provided, and will inform the Board of her interim decision in June. An interim decision is not a final decision



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If the Minister makes an interim decision that she thinks Redcliffs School should close, the Board would be provided with another opportunity (at least 28 days) to provide any further feedback it may have about why the school should not close. The Board's submission would then be considered along with the initial submission before a final decision is made.

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If the Minister makes an interim decision that she thinks Redcliffs School should not close, there may then be an opportunity to provide feedback on an alternative proposal for the school.

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The Minister is likely to make her final decision in August.

