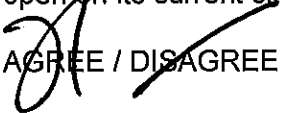
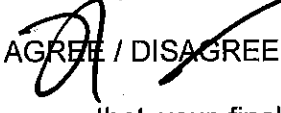
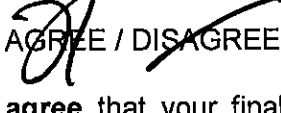
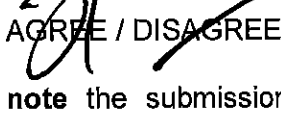
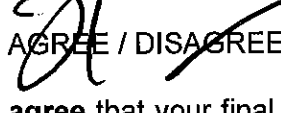
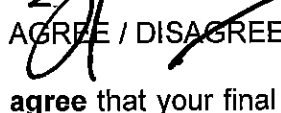
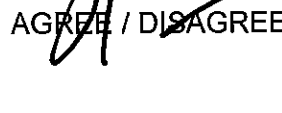


Education Report: Final Decisions on Proposals for Twelve Schools in Greater Christchurch

Recommended Actions

We recommend that you:

- a **note** the feedback provided in support of your interim decisions for twelve schools in Greater Christchurch by the Boards of Trustees of these schools;
- b **agree** that your final decision for Burnham School is that the school will remain open on its current site;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- c **agree** that your final decision for Burnside Primary School is that the school will remain open and be rebuilt on its current site;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- d **agree** that your final decision for Duvauchelle School is that the school will remain open;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- e **agree** that your final decision for Okains Bay School is that the school will remain open;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- f **note** the submission provided by the Board of Belfast School stating its concerns about the proposed future relocation of Ouruhia Model School, and its view that it should be involved in any consultation about the proposed relocation;
- g **agree** that your final decision for Ouruhia Model School is that the school will remain open on the basis that it is proposed for future relocation, with this proposed relocation to be consulted on at a later date;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- h **agree** that your final decision for Shirley Intermediate School is that the school will remain open;
 AGREE / DISAGREE
- i **agree** that your final decision for Bromley School and Linwood Avenue School is that the schools will not be merged;
 AGREE / DISAGREE

- j **agree** that your final decision for Gilberthorpe School and Yaldhurst Model School is that the schools will not be merged;

 AGREE / DISAGREE

- k **note** that if your final decisions are that the above schools will remain open or not be merged, these schools will now be able to resume appointing permanent staff;

- l **agree** that your final decision for Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti is that the schools will merge under section 156A of the Education Act 1989 as a Year 1-13 designated character school, with Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti being the continuing school, and with the merger being effective from 27 January 2014;

 AGREE / DISAGREE

- m **sign** the attached Gazette notice for the merger of Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti;

- n **note** that a separate report is currently being prepared for you with further details and recommendations about the implementation of the merger of Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti;

- o **sign** the attached letters to the Boards of the twelve schools advising them of your final decisions, and return these letters to the Ministry to be delivered to the schools by senior Ministry staff;

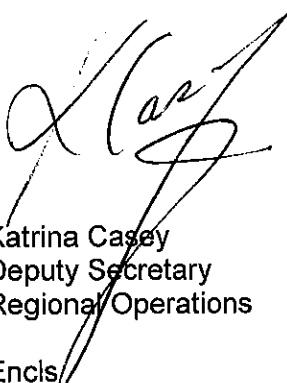
- p **sign** the attached letters to local MPs and your Associate Ministers advising them of your final decisions and have these letters distributed from your office;

- q **agree** to the release of the attached media statement announcing your final decisions for these 12 schools; and *as amended*

 AGREE / DISAGREE

r **agree** to the publication of this report on the Ministry's Shaping Education website following the announcement of your final decisions for these 12 schools

AGREE / DISAGREE


Katrina Casey
Deputy Secretary
Regional Operations

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Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

26.3.13

Education Report: Final Decisions on Proposals for Twelve Schools in Greater Christchurch

Purpose

1. This paper seeks your final decisions on the proposals for twelve schools in Greater Christchurch, following the receipt of feedback from the Boards of Trustees of these schools indicating that they support your interim decisions for their schools.

Background

2. On 18 February 2013 you announced your interim decisions on the proposed closure or merger of 31 schools in Greater Christchurch. You have given the Boards of Trustees of all these schools until 28 March 2013 to provide any feedback on your interim decisions for their schools.
3. The Boards were advised that final decisions would be announced by late May. Boards were also advised that if they formally indicated their support for your interim decision before the 28 March deadline, you could give early consideration to this and make your final decision for their school before May.
4. The Boards of twelve schools have now provided feedback in support of your interim decisions for their school. This feedback is provided for your consideration in the attached letters from the Boards and as summarised below.

Feedback on interim decisions

Burnham School (3304)

5. Your interim decision for Burnham School was that the school should remain open on its current site (refer METIS 741950). This decision was made in recognition of the special role that Burnham School plays in supporting the children and families of New Zealand Defence Force personnel. The Board of Burnham School has written to advise that it supports this decision for its school. The letter from the Board is attached as Appendix 1.

Burnside Primary School (3305)

6. Your interim decision for Burnside Primary School was that the school should remain open and be rebuilt on its current site (refer METIS 741947). This decision was based on the particular community that Burnside Primary School caters for, and the proposal put forward by the Board for the school to be rebuilt with a modern learning environment, combined with a community education hub and shared facilities with Cobham Intermediate School. The Board of Burnside Primary School has written to advise that it supports this decision for its school. The letter from the Board is attached as Appendix 2.

Duvauchelle School (3332) and Okains Bay School (3452)

7. Your interim decision for Duvauchelle School and Okains Bay School was that the schools should remain open as separate entities, but that the Ministry of Education should work with the two schools to explore possibilities for enhanced collaboration (potentially including shared governance arrangements) between the two schools (refer METIS 742248). The Boards of Duvauchelle School and Okains Bay School have both written to advise that they support this decision for their schools. The letter from the Board of Duvauchelle School is attached as Appendix 3 and the letter from the Board of Okains Bay School is attached as Appendix 4.

Ouruhia Model School (3464)

8. Your interim decision for Ouruhia Model School was that the school should remain open, on the basis that it is likely that in the future the school will be relocated to a new site where it will better cater for the predicted population growth in Belfast (refer METIS 742251). The Board of Ouruhia Model School has written to advise that it supports this decision for its school. The letter from the Board is attached as Appendix 5.
9. The Board of Belfast School has also provided a response to your interim decision for Ouruhia Model School. In its submission the Board expresses its opposition to the proposal that Ouruhia Model School could, in the future, be relocated to a new site in Belfast. The Board raises concerns about the negative effects that it considers this relocation would potentially have on the roll, morale and culture of Belfast School. It states that it believes Belfast School should be involved in any consultation about the relocation proposal. The submission from the Board of Belfast School is attached as Appendix 6.

Ministry Comment

10. In the report Consideration of the Closure of Ouruhia Model School (METIS 742251) the Ministry advised you that, while there is no specific legislative requirement to consult on the relocation of a school, the Ministry recommends that consultation should be undertaken with the Board of Ouruhia Model School before a final decision is made about the relocation of the school. Expanding on this recommendation, the Ministry also considers that consultation should be undertaken with the Boards of schools whose rolls may be affected by the proposed relocation before any final decision is made about the relocation.
11. Because the proposed relocation would not be required for at least five years from now, it is recommended that this consultation is deferred and undertaken at an appropriate time before the relocation would take place. The cost of retaining Ouruhia Model School on its current site in the meantime is not significantly higher than the cost of accommodating the Ouruhia Model School students at Belfast School.
12. If your final decision is that Ouruhia Model School will remain open, the Ministry will write to the Board of Belfast School to advise them that they will be consulted with at a later date about the proposed relocation of Ouruhia Model School.

Shirley Intermediate School (3503)

13. Your interim decision for Shirley Intermediate School was that the school should remain open (refer METIS 747668). This decision was based on the extent of change taking place in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster. It is thought that retaining Shirley Intermediate School will bring some stability to the schooling network in the area and in turn provide some certainty to local families. The Board of Shirley Intermediate School has written to advise that it supports this decision for its school. The letter from the Board is attached as Appendix 7.

Bromley School (3302) and Linwood Avenue School (3413)

14. Your interim decision for Bromley School and Linwood Avenue School was that the schools should not be merged (refer METIS 741570). This decision was based partly on the need for continued provision on both the Bromley School site and the Linwood Avenue School site now that the Linwood College site is no longer the Ministry's preferred site for the proposed merger of Phillipstown School and Woolston School. The proposed merger of Phillipstown School and Woolston School on the Linwood College site would have led to an oversupply of primary schooling provision in the Linwood Avenue area, which was a key reason why it was originally proposed that Bromley School and Linwood Avenue School should merge.
15. In recommending that these two schools are retained as separate entities, the Ministry also noted that there is limited property damage at either of these sites, and the revised proposal is cost effective as the cost to repair the schools would be less than what is required to develop a larger, merged school. The Boards of Bromley School and Linwood Avenue School have written to advise that they support this decision for their schools. The letter from the Board of Bromley School is attached as Appendix 8 and the letter from the Board of Linwood Avenue School is attached as Appendix 9.

Gilberthorpe School (3346) and Yaldhurst Model School (3602)

16. Your interim decision for Gilberthorpe School and Yaldhurst Model School was that the schools should not be merged (refer METIS 742254). This decision was made on the basis that this will help to ease the roll pressure on Gilberthorpe School during a time of likely growth in the area near Gilberthorpe. The Boards of Gilberthorpe School and Yaldhurst Model School have written to advise that they support this decision for their schools. The letter from the Board of Gilberthorpe School is attached as Appendix 10 and the letter from the Board of Yaldhurst Model School is attached as Appendix 11.

Discovery One School (1635) and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti (483)

17. Your interim decision for Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti was that the schools should be merged effective from 27 January 2014 (refer METIS 742685). The Boards of Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti have written to advise that they support this decision for their schools. The letter from the Board of Discovery One School is attached as Appendix 12 and two letters from the Board of Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti are attached as Appendix 13 and 14.
18. In its letter to you of 20 February 2013 (Appendix 13) the Board of Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti requested that the merger date be brought forward to 31 December 2013. In a second letter of 27 February 2013 (Appendix 14) they revoked this request and state that they now accept the date of 27 January 2014 for the merger.

19. In the Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti Board's 20 February letter the Board also states that it would like to work with the Ministry of Education to ensure that the initial maximum roll is at least 950 and eventually grows to 1,500 students. The Ministry is currently developing a further report for your consideration on the details of this merger, which will include information about a recommended maximum roll for the merged school (which is set by the Secretary for Education) and recommendations for a proposed start date for the interim period and the proposed constitution of the board of the continuing school.
20. A Gazette notice for the merger of Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti is attached for your signature. This sets 27 January 2014 as the effective date of the merger, and designates the special character of the merged school. As the two schools share the same special character, this will constitute the special character of the merged school.

Next Steps

21. Following the feedback from the Boards of these twelve schools in support of your interim decisions for their schools, the Ministry recommends that these interim decisions should now become your final decisions for these schools.
22. While these schools have been under consideration for closure or merger they have not been permitted to make permanent staff appointments. If you agree to the Ministry's recommendation that ten of these schools are not closed or merged, these ten schools will be able to resume making permanent staff appointments.
23. Ministry staff will meet with the Boards of the schools in April to discuss property matters. Property requirements will be included in the Learning Community Cluster development work.
24. Letters are attached for your signature advising the Boards of the twelve schools that you have now made a final decision in relation to their school. These letters will be delivered to the twelve schools by Ministry staff prior to the public announcement of your final decisions.
25. Letters to local Members of Parliament and your Associate Ministers are attached advising them of your final decisions for these schools. These should be distributed to the addressees from your office.
26. A media release is also attached for you to inform the wider Christchurch community of your final decisions for these schools. This release will be made following the delivery of the letters to the schools and MPs.



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Minister of Education

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NOTICE FOR NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

Merger of Discovery One School (1635) and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti (483)

Pursuant to section 156A of the Education Act 1989, I declare that Discovery One School (1635) and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti (483) will merge on 27 January 2014 with Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti being the continuing school.

The school will be a Year 1-13 designated character school under section 156 of the Education Act 1989.

The following aims, purposes and objectives constitute the designated character of the school:

The Aims

The aim of the school is:

- To provide a different style of education for children, founded upon the philosophy of discovery learning, as a designated character school under section 156 of the Education Act 1989.
- To create a new State school which has as its fundamental tenet that the child is central in directing his or her own learning so that the enthusiasm and love of learning is retained.
- To provide the opportunities for children to go beyond the usual learning boundaries into an infinite array of learning experiences.
- To use the entire community as the learning environment.
- To provide a holistic approach to learning, and to cater to all intelligence traits and learning styles.
- To create a learning community without failure where all children identify a talent, skill or intelligence through which they can achieve their aims.

Purpose

- The purpose is to provide an educational environment in which children can achieve their potential, develop self esteem, and explore a huge array of learning options.

Objectives

- To meet the requirements of the National Education Guidelines in an innovative and stimulating manner best suited to the learning desires of the children and families who choose this style of learning.
- To enable students to pursue areas of interest and personal relevance rather than to follow paths predetermined by others. The requirements of the national curriculum will be met through the student's chosen path, rather than through a prescribed route.

- To enable students and their families to see learning as a total process that is multi-faceted and life long. An holistic approach will be taken which ensures parents are a vital part of the learning agreement. The objective is to involve parents, families and communities in the learning process.
- To ask students first about what they need in order to learn.
- To ensure that this choice is affordable to those who choose it.
- To ensure that this style of education is accessible to those who choose it.

Dated this *24th* day of *March*

2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hekia Parata". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hekia" and the last name "Parata" clearly distinguishable.

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education



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26 MAR 2013

Mr P Bridgman
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Yaldhurst Model School
School Road
RD6
CHRISTCHURCH 7676

Tēnā koe Mr Bridgman

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Yaldhurst Model School should not be merged with Gilberthorpe School.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Yaldhurst Model School will not be merged with Gilberthorpe School.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Yaldhurst Model School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: A Robertson, Principal, Yaldhurst Model School



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26 MAR 2013

Mrs P Osborne
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Gilberthorpe School
163 Gilberthorpes Road
Hei Hei
CHRISTCHURCH 8042

Tēnā koe Mrs Osborne

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Gilberthorpe School should not be merged with Yaldhurst Model School.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Gilberthorpe School will not be merged with Yaldhurst Model School.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Gilberthorpe School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: R Speden, (Acting) Principal, Gilberthorpe School



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26 MAR 2013

Mr B Myles
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Linwood Avenue School
260 Linwood Avenue
Linwood
CHRISTCHURCH 8062

Tēnā koe Mr Myles

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Linwood Avenue School should not be merged with Bromley School.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Linwood Avenue School will not be merged with Bromley School.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Linwood Avenue School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: G Direen, Principal, Linwood Avenue School



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26 MAR 2013

Mrs L Anderson
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Bromley School
33 Keighleys Road
Bromley
CHRISTCHURCH 8062

Tēnā koe Mrs Anderson

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Bromley School should not be merged with Linwood Avenue School.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Bromley School will not be merged with Linwood Avenue School.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Bromley School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: S Kinley, Principal, Bromley School



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26 MAR 2013

Mr K McDonald
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Shirley Intermediate School
P O Box 27028
Shirley
CHRISTCHURCH 8640

Tēnā koe Mr McDonald

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Shirley Intermediate School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Shirley Intermediate School will remain open.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Shirley Intermediate School continues to provide quality education for its students.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: G Siave, Principal, Shirley Intermediate School



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26 MAR 2013

Mrs L Bates
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Ouruhia Model School
21 Turners Road
Ouruhia
CHRISTCHURCH 8083

Tēnā koe Mrs Bates

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Ouruhia Model School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Ouruhia Model School will remain open, on the basis that it is proposed that in the future the school will be relocated to a new site where it will better serve the growing population of Belfast

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Ouruhia Model School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: M Ashmore-Smith, Principal, Ouruhia Model School



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26 MAR 2013

Mr R Burrows
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Okains Bay School
Okains Bay Road
R D 3
AKAROA 7583

Tēnā koe Mr Burrows

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Okains Bay School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Okains Bay School will remain open.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Okains Bay School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: M Kavanagh, Principal, Okains Bay School



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26 MAR 2013

Mr C Rhodes
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Duvauchelle School
School Road
RD 1
AKAROA 7581

Tēnā koe Mr Rhodes

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Duvauchelle School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Duvauchelle School will remain open.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Duvauchelle School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: J Wallace, Principal, Duvauchelle School



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26 MAR 2013

Mrs T Williams
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Burnside Primary School
96 Memorial Avenue
Ilam
CHRISTCHURCH 8053

Tēnā koe Mrs Williams

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Burnside Primary School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Burnside Primary School will remain open and be rebuilt on its current site.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Burnside Primary School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: M Bateman, Principal, Burnside Primary School



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Minister of Education
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26 MAR 2013

Mrs J Freeman
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Burnham School
3 Chaytor Avenue
Burnham
CHRISTCHURCH 7600

Tēnā koe Mrs Freeman

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Burnham School should not be closed.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Burnham School will remain open on its current site.

As this decision is final, your Board may now resume making permanent staffing appointments as per normal practice.

Your Senior Adviser will contact you to arrange a meeting in April to discuss planning actions and support for your school.

While this outcome is supported by your Board, I acknowledge that this process has not been an easy one for your school and its community. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude once again to your Board, staff and school community for the time and effort that were put into considering my proposal for your school. I am confident that the careful thought and reflection that you have given to the consideration of your school's future will ensure that Burnham School continues to provide quality education for its children.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: S Keenan, Principal, Burnham School



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26 MAR 2013

Mr M Ayton
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti
P O Box 4666
CHRISTCHURCH 8140

Tēnā koe Mr Ayton

Thank you for the feedback that your Board of Trustees has provided on my interim decision that Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti should be merged with Discovery One School effective from 27 January 2014.

I note that your Board is supportive of this interim decision for your school. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that I have now made a final decision that Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti will merge with Discovery One School as a Year 1-13 designated character school. This will be gazetted shortly to be effective from 27 January 2014.

I have decided that Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti will be the continuing school and that its Board during what is known as the interim period will be a Ministerially appointed Board. The interim period includes a set period prior to merger and continues until elections are held three months after the merger takes effect. I am advised that the Ministry of Education is currently developing a report for me which will include a recommendation about the proposed start date for the interim period.

The Ministry will now begin work with your Board and the Board of Discovery One School toward the implementation of the merger. I am aware that the merger process is not an easy one, and I would like to once again convey my thanks for the enthusiasm with which your Board has accepted this challenge.

Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti and Discovery One School have my very best wishes during this exciting new phase for your school communities.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: T Grzeta, Principal, Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti



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26 MAR 2013

Mrs K Wylaars
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Discovery One School
P O Box 1101
CHRISTCHURCH 8140

Tēnā koe Mrs Wylaars

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Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

cc: Murray Overton, (Acting) Principal, Discovery One School



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27 MAR 2013

Nicky Wagner
MP for Christchurch Central
Parliament Buildings
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Tēnā koe Nicky

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Hon Lianne Dalziel
MP for Christchurch East
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Tēnā koe Ms Dalziel

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Hon Amy Adams
MP for Selwyn
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Hon Jo Goodhew
MP for Rangitata
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Rt Hon David Carter
Member of Parliament
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Tēnā koe Minister *Mr Speaker*

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Hon Kate Wilkinson
MP for Waimakariri
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Tēnā koe Kate

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Hon Gerry Brownlee
MP for Ilam
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27 MAR 2013

Hon Steven Joyce
Minister of Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment
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Hon Nikki Kaye
Associate Minister of Education
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Hon Pita Sharples
Associate Minister of Education
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Dr Megan Woods
MP for Wigram
Parliament Buildings
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Tēnā koe Dr Woods

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Dr Kennedy Graham
Member of Parliament
Parliament Buildings
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Hon Clayton Cosgrove
Member of Parliament
Parliament Buildings
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Eugenie Sage
Member of Parliament
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Rino Tirikatene
MP for Te Tai Tonga
Parliament Buildings
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Tēnā koe Mr Tirikatene

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Denis O'Rourke
Member of Parliament
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Hon Ruth Dyson
MP for Port Hills
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Tēnā koe Ms Dyson

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Richard Prosser
Member of Parliament
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Mojo Mathers
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