Indicative timeline of key processes and decisions in closer/merger process

May 2013	» Announcement
	» Special temporary enrolment schemes in place
June 2013	» Specialist senior advisors start ongoing contact with, and support for, the Boards
	» Newly elected Board takes office
	» Boards, school leaders, and change managers (once appointed) begin working with community about the implications of the decision for students and families, the support that is available and how the transitions will be managed
	» Ministry advertises for independent Chair (for newly merged school)
	» Expressions of interest sought for appointments to the Board for newly merged school
	» Change manager start
	» Residual agent start
July 2013	» Appointed Board in place (for continuing school)
	» Elected Board cease to exist (for continuing school)
	» Governance facilitator starts (for continuing school)
August 2013	» Appointed Board and governance facilitator work with community to begin developing the school's vision (for newly merged school)
September 2013	» Principal appointments made (for newly merged school)
October 2013	» Staffing plan developed (for newly merged school)
November 2013	» Staffing decisions made (for newly merged school)
December 2013	» Staffing decisions made (for newly merged school)
January 2014	» Schools close/merge
	» Newly merged school opens (January 2014)
April 2014	» Newly merged schools (opened January 2014) complete Board election process
May 2014	» Schools merge
	» Newly merged school opens (May 2014)
July 2014	» Newly merged school (May 2014) complete Board election process

Note: the timeline for the principal and staff appointment processes may be extended for schools merging in May 2014.

