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Recommendations

We recommend that you:

agree that the Ministry investigate the legal and industrial implications of technology provision for learners enrolled in primary schools being offered by secondary schools and provide you with a paper with this information; and

AGREE / DISAGREE

note the strategies proposed by the Ministry for ensuring continuation of b. technology tuition provision, as set out in this paper.

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Purpose of report

- 1. The proposals for the closure or merger of schools in greater Christchurch will impact on the continued provision of technology tuition in Christchurch.
- 2. The Ministry is developing plans to mitigate the risks associated with these impacts and these will be forwarded for your agreement when they are finalised.

Background

3. A list of state schools in greater Christchurch receiving technology staffing is shown in the table below. Those highlighted in yellow are proposed for closure, those highlighted in green are proposed for merger with another school.

Inst. No.	Inst. Name	Provides technology tuition for other schools
310	Oxford Area School	Yes
323	Aranui High School	Yes
339 ·	Hillmorton High School	Yés
346	Darfield High School	
349	Ellesmere College	
350	Akaroa Area School	Yes
3298	Branston Intermediate School	Yes
3299	Breens Intermediate School	Yes
3309	Casebrook Intermediate School	
3314	Chisnallwood Intermediate School	
3317	Christchurch East School	Yes
3318	Christchurch South Intermediate School	Yes
3323	Cobham Intermediate School	
3372	Heaton Normal Intermediate School	5 356.59
3388	Kajapoi Borough School	Yes
3396	Kirkwood Intermediate School	Yes
3412	Lincoln Primary School	Yes
3414	Linwood Intermediate School	Yes
3427	Manning Intermediate School	Yes
3474	Phillipstown School	Yes
3481	Rangiora Borough School	Yes
3503	Shirley Intermediate School	

- 4. A map of current technology providers in Christchurch and the recommended changes as at January 2013 is attached as Appendix 1.
- 5. Two of the current providers (Aranui High School and Chisnallwood Intermediate School) are part of the Aranui cluster proposal (which is to close all Aranui schools and establish educational provision for Year 1 13 learners). As Chisnallwood Intermediate School does not provide technology tuition to other schools, should it be closed, it would have no impact on the provision of technology tuition in the cluster.
- 6. Should technology tuition for other primary schools in the Aranui cluster be affected by the closure or merger of any other school, the Ministry would work with the Aranui and neighbouring learning community clusters to ensure continued access is available for learners. Aranui High School, as a current provider to other schools may be an option.
- 7. Four other current providers are proposed for closure (Branston Intermediate School, Manning Intermediate School, Linwood Intermediate School and Shirley Intermediate School).
- 8. Shirley Intermediate does not provide technology tuition for other schools. Therefore, should the proposal to close this school proceed there would be no impact on the provision of technology tuition on other schools.
- 9. The other three intermediate schools (Branston, Manning and Linwood) referred to in point 5 above, do provide technology provision for other schools. Should the proposal to close any of these schools proceed, there would be an impact on the provision of technology provision in the schools accessing this service. These impacts are described below.
- 10. In relation to Branston Intermediate, there is no obvious current provider of technology provision to other schools close to Branston. The Ministry would discuss continuing provision with the Hornby Learning Community Cluster and affected schools, including whether this could be provided by Hornby High School.
- 11. Should the proposal to close Manning Intermediate School proceed, there is provision currently supplied by neighbouring Hillmorton High School. The Ministry would discuss the extension of this to schools currently accessing technology tuition at Manning Intermediate School. Discussions will be held with the learning community cluster and affected schools.
- 12. Linwood Intermediate School is also close to a current provider of technology tuition to other schools Christchurch East School. An alternative to this could be to establish technology tuition at Linwood College. Again, the Ministry would discuss this with the learning community cluster and affected schools.
- 13. Phillipstown School is proposed to merge with Woolston School. There are two alternatives to continued provision (Phillipstown also provides technology provision for other schools). Firstly, technology provision could be established at the merged school, alternatively, it could be established at Linwood College (as suggested for Linwood Intermediate above).

- 14. Currently, most technology provision provided for other schools is by intermediate schools, which are affected by proposals to close or merge schools. Should the Ministry decide to proceed with discussions with secondary schools, it would be important to investigate the legal and industrial impact of this on the school sector.
- 15. Proposals for closing or merging schools do not impact on current technology provision in the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts. However, should there be a proposal to change schools that provide it in this area we would encourage the Boards of secondary schools to consider taking on this role. Discussions would need to be held with the affected learning communities on how this could best be managed. The Ministry already intends to discuss ways of enhancing and making technology tuition more effective with learning community clusters.
- 16. The table below summarises key points and suggestions made in this report:

Inst. Name	Current proposal	Key Points and suggestions
Chisnallwood Intermediate School	Close – establish new education provision for Year 1 – 13 learners in Aranui	Closure has no impact on technology tuition for other schools. Investigate inclusion of provision in new education provision or work with a current provider – Aranui High School.
Shirley Intermediate School	Close	Closure has no impact on technology tuition for other schools.
Branston Intermediate School	Close	No school providing technology tuition to other schools close to this site. Discuss continuing provision with the Hornby learning community cluster and affected schools. Investigate provision by Hornby High School.
Manning Intermediate School	Close	The school is close to current provider of technology tuition for other schools — Hillmorton High School. Discuss provision with learning community cluster and affected schools. Investigate provision by Hillmorton High School.

Linwood Intermediate	Close	The school is close to current provider of technology tuition for other schools — Christchurch East School. Discuss provision with learning community cluster and affected schools. Investigate establishment of provision at Linwood College.
Phillipstown School	Merge with Woolston School	Phillipstown currently provides technology provision for other schools. Discuss options 1) establish new provision at merged school site; 2) establish new provision at Linwood College.
Schools in Selwyn and Waimakariri districts	No impact on current technology tuition provision for schools in these areas	Discuss ways to enhance and make provision more effective with learning community clusters in Selwyn and Waimakariri.
Secondary schools in greater Christchurch	NA	Investigate whether technology tuition would be better delivered by secondary schools. Investigate legal and industrial impact of this.

