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Permanent full-time and part-time primary teachers

The following is illustrative, the actual entitlements and provisions are contained in the relevant employment agreement, which should be read alongside this chart.

The Secretary for Education will announce the final outcome for the schools (cl.5)

The new school is established and integrated and its establishment board (EBOT) undertakes a staffing needs analysis to determine the new staffing structure. (Cl.7)

The draft staffing schedule will be available to the teachers of Our Lady of Fatima and St Pauls (Dallington) and the union for comment and feedback. They will have at least 10 working days to respond unless a different period is agreed by the EBOT and NZEI. If amended a further 5 working days will be allowed for feedback. (Cl.7)

The new staffing structure is announced (cl. 7)

The EBOT will invite teachers employed in Our Lady of Fatima and St Pauls (Dallington) schools to express, in writing, a preference(s) for a teaching position(s) in the new school (cl. 8)

The EBOT will reconfirm/reassign teachers (cl.10):

- Reconfirm (for teachers without units) (cls.11); or
- Reassign (for teachers with units) (cls.12)

Positions not filled by this process are advertised externally Cl.13.7

Teachers not reconfirmed or reassigned to a position in the new school, or are not appointed to an advertised position, will be given at least two months' notice that their position is disestablished.

Teachers who are reconfirmed or reassigned to a position or offered an "equivalent" position and decline the offer, whether they applied for the position or not, will not be entitled to access the surplus staffing options. Cl.10.2

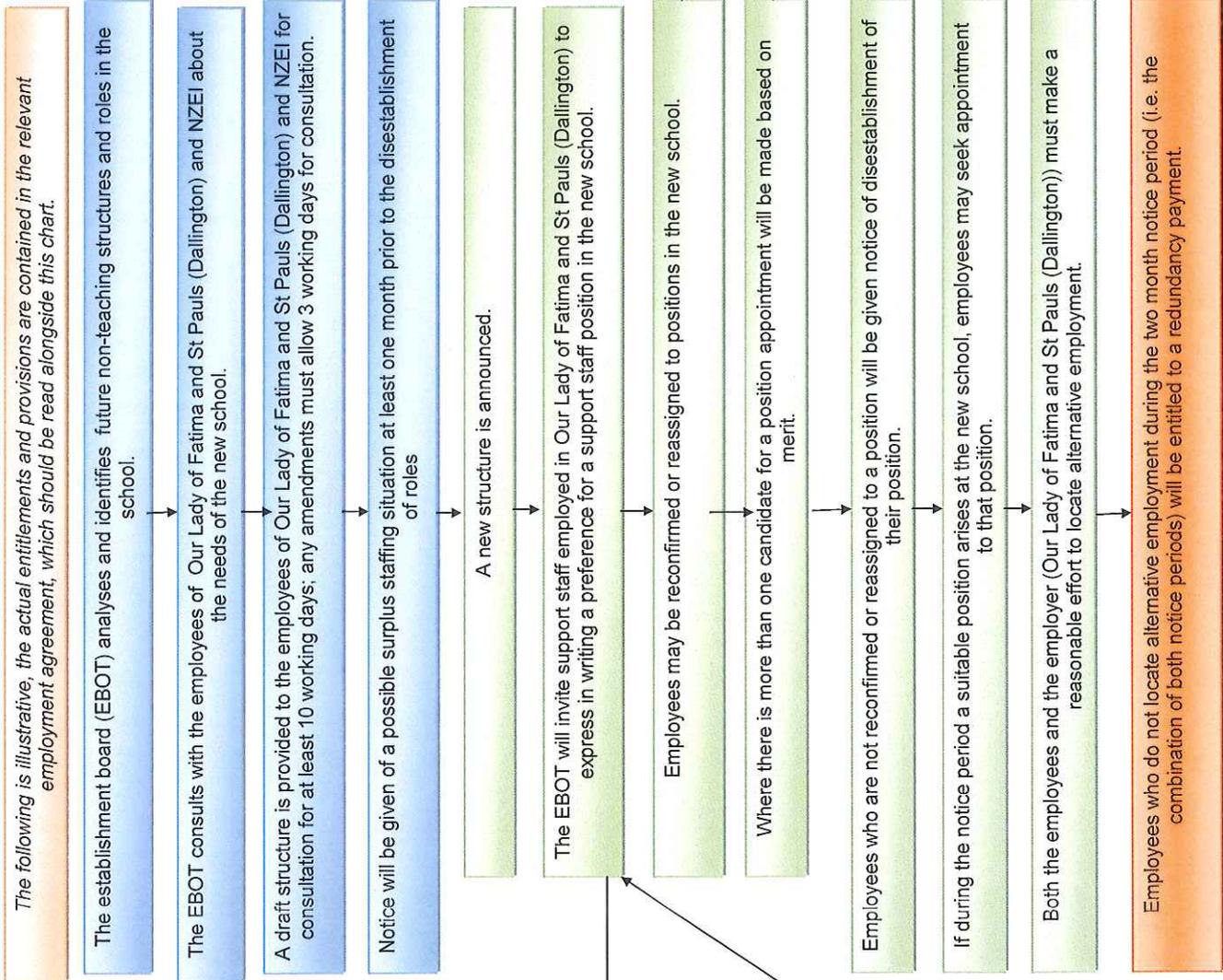
Permanent part-time teachers offered a position in the reorganised school that has reduced hours can choose one of the following options:

- Accept the position offered and receive a partial redundancy payment
- Have their position disestablished and access the surplus staffing options

The board will assist the teacher with surplus staffing options, which are:

- Redeployment (another teaching position which may be at another school); or
- Retraining (an approved course of study); or
- Severance/Long Service Payment (a payment based on length of service)

Cancellation of Integration Agreements of Our Lady of Fatima and St Pauls/Establishment and Integration of new school Permanent full-time and part-time Support Staff of Our Lady of Fatima and St Pauls (Dallington)



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The EBOT will seek expressions of interest in the option of voluntary redundancy.
The EBOT will consider any written expressions of interest in the option of voluntary redundancy.
The EBOT's decision will be final.

The EBOT declines the voluntary redundancy request.
(runs concurrently with expressions of interest in positions and reconfirmation/reassignment)

The EBOT accepts in writing the voluntary redundancy request.

Redundancy payment

Employees who accept a position that has reduced hours will be entitled to a partial redundancy payment.

Employees who accept reassignment to a lower graded or lower hourly rate are entitled to an equalisation allowance for one year.

If a reasonable offer is made in the education or state service during the notice period and declined, no redundancy is payable.



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Dear Chris

I am writing in response to your letter of 22 September 2014 about an additional implementation proposal that is being considered in relation to the proposed reorganisation of Catholic schooling in St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mairehau. I am also copying this letter to your Board Chairperson.

As you are aware, the Proprietor of St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima schools, the Catholic Bishop, has proposed that the integration agreements of both of these schools are cancelled and the schools closed. This would be undertaken in conjunction with the establishment and integration of a new school to be located on the current Our Lady of Fatima School site (ie "Option A" in the Bishop's most recent consultation process). The Ministry wrote to your Board on 13 June 2014 to consult on Option A.

I want to reiterate that no decision about the Bishop's proposal has been made. The Ministry is still in the consultation phase of the process.

You are right that there have been a number of different options proposed for managing staffing changes, and that the Ministry has been looking into an additional implementation option should the Minister agree to cancel the integration agreements of the schools.

Option A currently envisages that all positions at both schools would be terminated and positions at the new school would be advertised nationally. However, as discussed with you by Coralanne Child and Cherie Hunt, the Ministry is also considering whether the staffing of the new school could be managed similarly to the staffing process for the merger of state schools.

Your letter indicates that staff at St Paul's School may not wish to be employed at the proposed new school. The proposed staffing implementation process does have a mechanism for permanent staff to express interest in a voluntary option (such as severance) which the establishment Board would then consider. I have enclosed the proposed process charts for you and your Board to review and comment further on if you wish.

The Ministry has discussed the process set out in the process charts with the NZEI, as the union party to the collective agreements. The NZEI would support this approach.

I agree it is important to ensure the best start for the proposed new school. I would like to acknowledge the positive approach that your staff and Board have taken to this process.

If, after having considered the information in this letter you, your Board or staff have additional feedback, this can be provided to me by 31 October. You are also welcome to provide further feedback on Option A if you wish.

Again I want to emphasise that no decisions have been made yet on the Bishop's proposal or on implementation matters. The feedback from the Ministry's consultation will be collated in a report for the Minister's consideration, which will inform the Minister's final decision on the Bishop's request.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Noeline

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