

# Hon Chris Hipkins

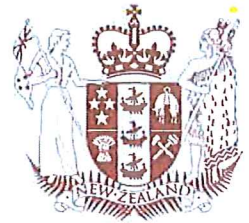
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Dear Bruce

Thank you for the Advisory Group's report on 2017 charter school performance, and for all the advice provided.

I have considered the advice and accepted all the performance assessments that you proposed in accordance with the contracted performance standards.

I have asked the Ministry to make 1% retention payments to the five schools whose performance was assessed as 'satisfactory'. The remaining four schools whose performance was assessed as 'almost satisfactory' and the one school assessed as 'not satisfactory' will not receive the 1% payment.

I would be grateful if the sponsors could be advised of the outcome of their 2017 assessment. Should a sponsor seek to review their assessment I intend to refer this to you in the first instance, in accordance with the assessment review process.

I considered your advice to release retention funding through 0.5% discretionary payments to two of the schools. However, I decided not to exercise my discretion. At this stage in the policy and considering the removal of the model, I considered that it was more appropriate to apply the approach as set out in the current contracts.

Thank you for your reflections on the charter school model and performance management system. I have agreed to forward a copy of your report to the Tomorrow's Schools Taskforce. I expect that they will give it consideration.

Please pass on my appreciation to the other members on the Advisory Group. Thank you again for all your work. I look forward to receiving your advice on charter schools performance in 2018.

Kind regards

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Hon Chris Hipkins  
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