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**Education Report: Partnership School | Kura Hourua - Request
from Pacific Advance Senior School to add
Years 9 and 10 from 2017**

Recommendations

We recommend that you

- a. **agree** to decline the request for Pacific Advance Senior School to enrol students in Years 9 and 10 from term one 2017.

AGREE / DISAGREE

- b. **note** the Ministry will inform the sponsor of your decision.

- c. **agree** that the Ministry will continue to discuss the application with the sponsor with a view to the sponsor resubmitting the application during 2017.

AGREE / DISAGREE



Lisa Rodgers
Deputy Secretary
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APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

NOTED



Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

David Seymour
Under-Secretary to the Minister
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Purpose of report

1. This report recommends that you decline a request from Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust, the Sponsor of Pacific Advance Senior School, a Partnership School | Kura Hourua, to change its range of Year levels from Years 11-13 to Years 9-13 from the beginning of 2017.

Background

2. Pacific Advance Senior School is a round two partnership school that opened in February 2015.
3. The school was gazetted on 11 September 2014 as a co-educational secondary school, to deliver education in Years 11-13.
4. The school's maximum roll is 250 students, and its Guaranteed Minimum Roll for 2016 is 100. Its current roll (from ENROL) as at 15 September 2016, is 95.
5. The School will have its first full ERO review in 2017.

Application

6. In early August 2016, the sponsor, Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust, informally raised its intention to apply to enrol year 9 and 10 students during a sponsor hui. The sponsor formally submitted its application on 18 August 2016.
7. The application also includes a request to change the name of the school to Pacific Advance Secondary School.
8. The application proposes increasing the maximum roll from 250 to 280 students. It proposes that around 50 year nine and ten students would be enrolled in 2017 (30 in year 9 and 20 in year 10).
9. The Sponsor has provided the following roll projections with the application:

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
2016						95*
2017	30	20	50	50	40	190
2018	30	35	60	60	30	215
2019	40	40	60	60	35	235
2020	40	40	70	70	35	255
2021	40	40	70	80	40	270
2022	40	40	70	80	50	280
2023	40	40	70	80	50	280
2024	40	40	70	80	50	280

* School roll from ENROL as at: 16 September 2016

10. The sponsor intends to use Year 9 and 10 classes to address the foundation learning needs of students to ensure that they are well prepared prior to formal assessment at Year 11.
11. The sponsor's original Partnership School application did not indicate that Years 9 and 10 would be part of its future delivery; rather, it focussed on a senior school model for the initial six-year period of the contract.

Authorisation Board Comment

12. The Ministry has provided the sponsor's application to the Partnership Schools Authorisation Board for comment.
13. The Authorisation Board's view is that the sponsor is taking the right approach in looking to add years 9 and 10 classes, as this should improve student achievement at NCEA level. The Board considers, however, that it is too late in the year to successfully implement this change for the beginning of 2017, especially as the school will also be enrolling Year 13 students for the first time. Effectively, the school would be implementing three new year levels at one time.
14. The Authorisation Board therefore recommends that you decline the requested change at this time, but that the sponsor be invited to further develop its proposal with a view to resubmitting it for consideration early in 2017. This would enable approval to be given to introduce Year 9 and 10 classes in 2018.
15. Further development of the curriculum aspects of the application is seen as beneficial. The curriculum delivery proposed for Year 9 and 10 students is based on the New Zealand Curriculum, but lacks detail around how this would be implemented.
16. The proposal would also benefit from further evidence to support the projected roll numbers and more detail about how teachers would be recruited.

Ministry Comment

17. The Ministry agrees with the Board's recommendation.

Financial implications

18. The application has funding implications, as it proposes an increase to the maximum roll from 250 to 280. For round one and two schools, this impacts on the level of property and insurance funding received.

Partnership Schools Agreement

19. The class level for each Partnership School is set in the Establishment Gazette Notice. If you were to approve the application, a *Gazette* notice would be prepared to specify the additional year levels.
20. The 2017 contract variation would also need to reflect the change.

Next Steps

21. The Ministry will advise the sponsor of the decision.
22. Should the decision be to decline the request, the Ministry will advise the sponsor of the additional information that will be required to be submitted so that the proposal can be re-considered with a view to approval being able to be provided to add years 9 and 10 from 2018.