

Education Report: Approval of Sponsors to operate a Partnership School | Kura Hourua from 2015 - contracts

Executive Summary

1 On 11 July 2014 you gave approval for the Ministry of Education to enter into contract negotiations on your behalf with four preferred applicants to operate a Partnership School from 2015. These are:

- Manukau Urban Māori Authority
- Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust
- Villa Education Trust
- He Puna Marama Charitable Trust.

2 The contract negotiations have been concluded successfully. All the issues identified in the contract update report [METIS 880345] have been resolved, or an acceptable plan agreed between the Ministry and the Sponsor(s).

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[REDACTED] An additional clause has been inserted into MUMA's Agreement [MUMA Partnership Schools Agreement, Schedule 5, clause 1) which allows them to use the site to develop their school providing the buildings are relocatable.

4 Villa Education Trust has yet to make a final decision on the premises for their school. The Trust will confirm their premises within 90 days of the opening of their school as required for in the Partnership Schools Agreement.

5 He Puna Marama Trust has yet to make a final decision on whether they will proceed with development of their proposed location or pursue a different option on which to establish their School. They will confirm their premises within 90 days of the opening of their school as required for in the Partnership Schools Agreement.

6 The cost to establish the four schools is \$15.470 million over four years. The negotiations has allowed for the Crown's exact financial commitments for the new schools to be fine-tuned. There is a net increase in the cost for provision of the four schools of \$218,700 over four year due to negotiated increases in school size and minor adjustments to the establishment grants. The net increase in cost does not exceed the available budget and [REDACTED]

7 We now recommend you:

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- you approve the four preferred applicants to be sponsors of a Partnership School, pursuant to section 158D of the Education Act 1989;
- sign the contracts with each respective sponsor; and
- sign and date the attached notices to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

a. **note** that the Ministry has successfully negotiated contracts with the following sponsors for the establishment of a Partnership School from 2015:

- Manukau Urban Māori Authority
- Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust
- Villa Education Trust
- He Puna Marama Charitable Trust.

b. **note** the cost to establish the four schools in the second round is \$15.470 million over four years;

c. **note** there is net increase in the cost for provision of the four schools of \$218,700 over four years due to negotiated increases in school size and minor adjustments to the establishment grants;

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e. **note** an additional clause has been inserted into MUMA's Agreement allowing them to use the site to develop their school providing the buildings are relocatable;

f. **note** that of the issues identified in the contract update (METIS 880345) all issues have been resolved, or an acceptable plan agreed between the Ministry and the Sponsor(s);

g. **agree** to approve the four preferred applicants to be sponsors of a Partnership School for 2015, pursuant to section 158D of the Education Act 1989;

- Manukau Urban Māori Authority
AGREE / DISAGREE
- Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust
AGREE / DISAGREE
- Villa Education Trust
AGREE / DISAGREE
- He Puna Marama Charitable Trust.
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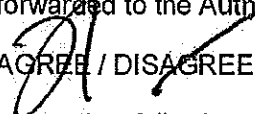
h. **sign and date** the four attached contracts;

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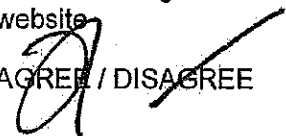
i. **sign and return** the attached notices to be published in the New Zealand Gazette;

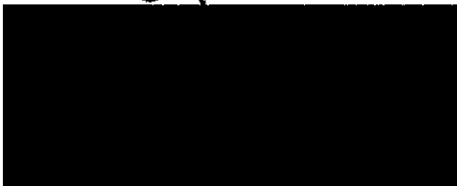
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j. agree that following your approval, this report and a copy of the signed contracts be forwarded to the Authorisation Board


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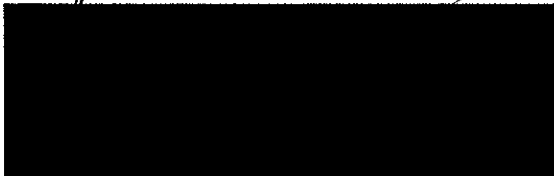
k. agree that following your approval and announcement, the Ministry will proactively release the signed contracts and this Education Report on the Ministry of Education website


AGREE / DISAGREE




/Katrina Casey
Deputy Secretary
Sector Enablement and Support

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Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

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Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks your agreement to approve four applicants as sponsors of a Partnership School | Kura Hourua in 2015, and to sign and date:
 - A contract with each of the four sponsors to operate a Partnership School from 2015
 - Four *New Zealand Gazette notices* approving the sponsors and establishing the Partnership Schools.
 - Two *New Zealand Gazette notices* approving the change of Sponsor name and School name for existing Partnership Schools.

Background

2. Section 158D of the Education Act 1989 gives the Minister of Education the power to enter into a contract with the sponsor of a Partnership School.
3. An application process was run in accordance with the requirements of whole of government procurement policies. A total of 19 compliant applications were received from a diverse group of potential sponsors. The Authorisation Board conducted an extensive evaluation process, including due diligence checks. Eight applicants were shortlisted, and interviews conducted. Following the interviews, the Board also sought clarifications on some applicants as further due diligence. The Board conducted the reference checks.
4. Following an application and evaluation process, you received advice from the Authorisation Board [METIS 864802] and further advice from the Ministry of Education [METIS 865557] on which applicants should be considered for the contract negotiations.
5. In July 2014 you advised Cabinet of your intention to select four applicants to enter into contract discussions. Cabinet noted your intention and approved changes to appropriations to establish the second round of Partnership Schools [CAB Min (14) 23/14].
6. On 11 July 2014 you made your decisions on the preferred applicants for the Ministry to initiate contract discussions with [METIS 865557]. They were:
 - He Puna Marama Charitable Trust.
 - Manukau Urban Māori Authority
 - Pacific Peoples' Advancement Trust
 - Villa Education Trust.

7. Negotiation meetings commenced from 22 July 2014. On 11 August 2014, we reported to you on the progress of the negotiations advising that initial discussions with all four applicants were on track and most of the identified issues had been adequately addressed [METIS 880345].

Approval

8. The Ministry has successfully completed the contract negotiations, with the four applicants signing their Agreements in the week beginning 8 September 2014. An overview of each applicant and their proposal is provided in Appendix 1.
9. All the issues identified in the contract update report [METIS 880345] have been resolved, or an acceptable plan agreed between the Ministry and the Sponsor(s).
10. We recommend you approve the four applicants to be sponsors of Partnership Schools and to sign the contracts.


Sponsor Update

11. The Ministry and the Sponsor(s) have agreed a plan for any unresolved issues that were raised through the contract negotiation phase. We confirm that adequate plans are in place and that all Sponsors are in a position to commence establishing their schools to open in February 2015. An update on the issues is provided below:

He Puna Marama Charitable Trust

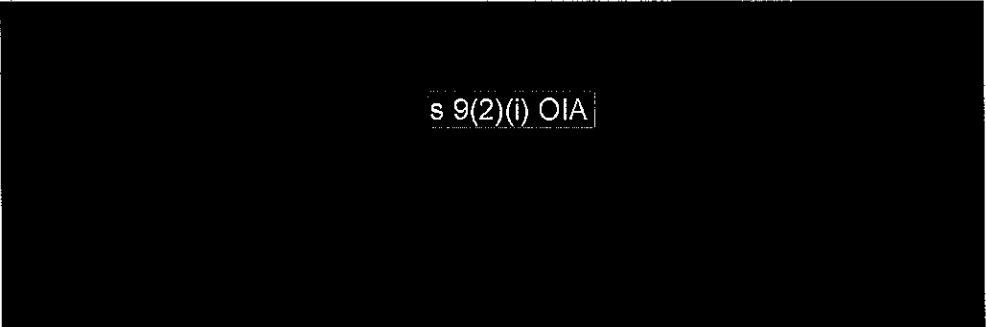
12. He Puna Marama Trust have yet to make a final decision on development of their proposed location or pursue a different location to establish their School.
13. The Trust are required to confirm their premises within 90 days of the opening of their partnership school as required in the contract [He Puna Marama Trust Partnership Schools Agreement, Schedule 5, clause 1].

Manukau Urban Māori Authority (MUMA)

14. Confirmation of the property occupied by MUMA was the remaining issue to be addressed following our previous advice to you on 11 August 2014 [METIS 880345].
15. MUMA are currently located at 31 Calthorpe Close, Mangere and have proposed to also locate their Partnership School at this site. 

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17. The inserted clause allows MUMA to establish their Partnership School at the site using the existing facilities and to develop their school as required providing the buildings are relocatable. If at any point during the term of the Agreement MUMA becomes unable to occupy the site, they have agreed that they would relocate their school to an alternate location within two school terms of the requirement being identified. MUMA have identified an alternate site should this be necessary at any stage.

18. [REDACTED]

Pacific Peoples' Advancement Trust

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19. No further issues were identified through the negotiation process and all previously identified issues [METIS 880345] have been adequately addressed.

Villa Education Trust (VET)

20. VET has confirmed that they will establish their school in West Auckland. VET has advised that they will, as per the Agreement, advise you, in writing, of their confirmed premises 90 days before the opening of the school [Villa Education Trust Partnership Schools Agreement, Schedule 5, clause 1].

Financial Considerations

21. As part of Budget 2014, an operating contingency was set aside for the establishment of Partnership Schools [CAB Min (14) 13/8(10) refers]. [REDACTED]

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22. The negotiations has allowed for the Crown's exact financial commitments for the new schools to be fine-tuned. The cost to establish the four schools in the second round is \$15.470 million over four years. This is a net increase in cost of \$218,700 over four years for provision of these four schools.

23. The change in budgeted costs for provision of these new schools is primarily due to:

- increase in the maximum roll for He Puna Marama Trust from 100 to 150 students
- increase in the maximum roll for Manukau Urban Māori Authority from 155 to 200 students
- minor adjustments to the establishment grant.

24. The net increase in cost does not exceed the available budget [REDACTED]

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Partnership Schools Agreement

25. The terms and conditions set out in the Agreement between the parties are identical to the first round of applications, with the exception of the Payment Schedule (Schedule 7). The Ministry identified and implemented a process improvement, automating the Quarterly Operational Payments to Partnership Schools using the same approach and scheduled date of payments applicable to State Schools.
26. Establishment Payments and Variable Operational Payments will continue to be payable upon receipt of an invoice by the Ministry within 20 business days.
27. We previously advised that He Puna Marama Trust and Villa Education Trust were willing to discuss the use of head agreement given they were already operating a Partnership School [METIS 880345].
28. Both Sponsors have now agreed to move to a single agreement covering both Partnership Schools they are Sponsors of. The Ministry intends to develop this for implementation early in 2015. A single agreement can be signed now (as attached) and the two sponsors will transfer to the head agreement once available in 2015.

Communication

29. The Ministry has worked with your office and consulted with the Authorisation Board and the sponsors on a Communications Plan to support the announcement of the successful Partnership Schools.
30. Following your agreement and approval of the contracts, we will provide this Education Report and a copy of the signed contracts to the Authorisation Board.
31. The Ministry will also proactively release the signed contracts and this Education Report on the Ministry of Education website following your agreement.

New Zealand Gazette Notices

32. The Ministry has prepared four establishment notices for the New Zealand Gazette for you to sign and date. Notice in the New Zealand Gazette is required to formally approve the sponsors and to establish the schools.
33. The Ministry has also prepared notices for the New Zealand Gazette notices confirming:
 - The change of school name for Te Kura Hourua ki Whangaruru to Te Pumanawa O Te Wairua [METIS 868887].
 - The change of sponsor name for Vanguard Military School from Advance Training Centres Limited to Advance Training Group [METIS 868887].
34. Once signed and dated, the Ministry will arrange for them to be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

Appendix 1

Overview of the proposed Partnership Schools

He Puna Marama Charitable Trust

Organisation type	Charitable Trust – currently operating a Leadership Academy for Māori boys, ECE centres and the Partnership School, Te Kura Hourua O Whangarei Terenga Paraoa	
Proposed school name	Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina)	
Type of school	Co-educational contributing primary school (years 1 to 6)	
Location	78 Tarewa Road, Whangarei (TBC)	
Target groups	Māori students	
Size of school	An opening roll of 65, with a maximum roll of 150	
Special character	Kaupapa Māori philosophy	
Proposed teaching and learning programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer the New Zealand Curriculum and apply concepts of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa • Aim to provide a choice for tamaki coming out of early childhood education into a Māori kaupapa based Kura with the ability to then move onto the Kura Tuakana – Te Kura Hourua o Whangarei Terenga Paraoa • An emphasis on discovery learning moving towards inquiry based learning; curriculum delivery will have an experiential delivery approach 	
Teaching staff	The core learning areas of Te Reo Māori, literacy (reading, writing) and numeracy will be delivered by qualified, registered, experienced teachers. Non-registered teachers would play a supporting role where their skills and talents can be utilised in such areas of sports, mahi toi, kapa haka, te reo me ona tikanga, music, IT, technology delivery.	
Establishment Payment	\$512,480.96	
2015 Operational Payments	\$601,253.48	
Targeted Priority Learners	Māori	100%
	Pasifika	
	low socio economic	
	Special Education Needs	

Manukau Urban Māori Authority

Organisation type	Incorporated Society – representing the interests of urban Māori in South Auckland, by a group of first generation urban Māori from diverse tribal backgrounds, to meet the development needs of their community	
Proposed school name	Te Kura Māori o Waatea	
Type of school	Co-educational composite primary school (Years 1 to 8)	
Location	31 Calthorpe Close, Mangere	
Target groups	Māori students and students from low socio-economic backgrounds	
Size of school	An opening roll of 60, with a maximum roll of 200	
Special character	Kaupapa Māori / Steiner approach	
Proposed teaching and learning programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer the New Zealand Curriculum and apply concepts of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa • Will provide a unique bilingual option for students by incorporating Te Ao Māori with the Steiner educational approach • Make Te Reo Māori part of everyday life, that its students have the opportunity to learn, appreciate and actively take part in Te Reo Māori me onā Tikanga 	
Teaching staff	The core curriculum will be planned, taught and overseen by registered teachers.	
Establishment Payment	\$506,694.18	
2015 Operational Payments	\$637,313.53	
Targeted Priority Learners	Māori	80%
	Pasifika	15%
	low socio economic	
	Special Education Needs	5%

Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust

Organisation type	Charitable Trust – promoting and providing for an Auckland and Pasifika response to raising aspirations and successful outcomes for Pasifika through social and economic programmes	
Proposed school name	Pacific Advance Senior School	
Type of school	Co-educational senior secondary school (years 11 to 13)	
Location	42 Atkinson Avenue, Otahuhu, South Auckland	
Target groups	Pasifika students and students from low socio-economic backgrounds	
Size of school	An opening roll of 100, with a maximum roll of 250	
Special character	Pasifika cultural context and approaches	
Proposed teaching and learning programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned to the key elements of the New Zealand Curriculum in ways that best address the needs of its students • The full curriculum is designed to pathway directly to a vast range of higher vocational and industry specific programmes • Will provide a cultural-based setting adopting a learner centric, culturally safe, community based instructional and mentoring approach 	
Teaching staff	All students will be assigned to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community mentor for a collective-group mentoring programme • A registered teacher for group teaching towards the NCEA programme • An educational coach for group and one-on-one learning support towards the NCEA programme 	
Establishment Payment	\$1,151,824.82	
2015 Operational Payments	\$2,171,019.70	
Targeted Priority Learners	Māori	20%
	Pasifika	80%
	low socio economic	
	Special Education Needs	

Villa Education Trust

Organisation type	Charitable Trust – currently operating Mt Hobson Middle School (private school) and the Partnership School South Auckland Middle School	
Proposed school name	Middle School West Auckland	
Type of school	Co-educational restricted composite schools (Years 7 to 10)	
Location	West Auckland (Actual location to be confirmed)	
Target groups	Māori, Pasifika and students from low socio-economic backgrounds	
Size of school	An opening roll of 160, with a maximum roll of 240	
Proposed teaching and learning programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer the New Zealand Curriculum • Teach students in a 1:15 teacher student ratio • Provides a strong emphasis on project-based learning for each student within a structured environment 	
Teaching staff	The core curriculum will be planned, taught and overseen by registered teachers	
Establishment Payment	\$1,259,120.69	
2015 Operational Payments	\$1,940,456.83	
Targeted Priority Learners	Māori	20%
	Pasifika	40%
	low socio economic	30%
	Special Education Needs	10%



Office of Hon Hekia Parata

Minister of Education

New Zealand Gazette Notice

Education Act 1989

Approval of He Puna Marama Charitable Trust as Sponsor of Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina) establishment notice

Pursuant to section 158B of the Education Act 1989, I hereby give the following notice:

1. I hereby approve He Puna Marama Charitable Trust to be a Sponsor of a partnership school kura | hourua.
2. The name of the Sponsor's school is Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina).
3. The Sponsor's school will be located in Whangarei.
4. Te Kāpehu Whetu (Teina) will be a co-educational contributing primary school.
5. Education at Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina) may be given for class levels 1 to 6.
6. For the 2015 year, Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina) will enrol students in class levels 1 to 6. None of the class levels at the school will be single-sex.
7. Te Kāpehu Whetū (Teina) will operate with the following aim, purpose and/or objectives:
 - a. Kaupapa Māori philosophy that validates Māori culture and a Māori world view;
 - b. Innovative, akonga centred education that provides progressive pedagogy, a constructivist approach and personalised learning;
 - c. Collaborative partnerships with whānau, local schools and tertiary institutions; and
 - d. Evidenced based development – through evidence, either Kaupapa Māori or mainstream research and/or data, develop the kura to be a responsive, 21st century learning organisation for Akonga, that has at its heart a Māori whakaaro.
8. This notice shall come into force the day after its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of September 2014.

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education



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New Zealand Gazette Notice

Education Act 1989

Approval of Manukau Urban Māori Authority as Sponsor of Te Kura Māori o Waatea establishment notice

Pursuant to section 158B of the Education Act 1989, I hereby give the following notice:

1. I hereby approve Manukau Urban Māori Authority to be a Sponsor of a partnership school kura | hourua.
2. The name of the Sponsor's school is Te Kura Māori o Waatea.
3. The Sponsor's school will be located in the Mangere.
4. Te Kura Māori o Waatea will be a co-educational contributing primary school.
5. Education at Te Kura Māori o Waatea may be given for class levels 1 to 8.
6. The establishment of Te Kura Māori o Waatea is to be phased in over 5 years. For the 2015 year, the school will enrol students in class levels 1 to 2. From the 2019 year, Te Kura Māori o Waatea will enrol students in class levels 1 to 8. None of the class levels at Te Kura Māori o Waatea will be single-sex.
7. Te Kura Māori o Waatea will operate with the following aims, purposes and objectives:
 - a. To provide an education that is grounded in kaupapa Māori principles
 - b. To provide an education within a bilingual setting in support of the revitalisation of te reo Māori
 - c. To incorporate Waldorf education practices where they align with kaupapa Māori principles and add to the educational outcomes and achievements of the kura
 - d. To provide a kura where children are highly valued and educated in an inclusive environment with the collaborative support and effort from parents, whānau, staff and community
 - e. To nurture and encourage every child to have developed a lifelong love of learning that is essential for acquiring the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed at higher education

8. This notice shall come into force the day after its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this ^{11th} day of September 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hekia Parata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education



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New Zealand Gazette Notice

Education Act 1989

Approval of The Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust as Sponsor of Pacific Advance Senior School establishment notice

Pursuant to section 158B of the Education Act 1989, I hereby give the following notice:

1. I hereby approve The Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust to be a Sponsor of a partnership school kura | hourua.
2. The name of the Sponsor's school is Pacific Advance Senior School.
3. The Sponsor's school will be located in South Auckland.
4. Pacific Advance Senior School will be a co-educational secondary school.
5. Education at Pacific Advance Senior School may be given for class levels 11 to 13.
6. The establishment of Pacific Advance Senior School is to be phased in over 3 years. For the 2015 year, the school will enrol students in class levels 11. From the 2017 year, Pacific Advance Senior School will enrol students in class levels 11 to 13+. None of the class levels at Pacific Advance Senior School will be single-sex.
7. Pacific Advance Senior School will operate with the following aims, purposes and objectives:
 - (a) Enriched, vibrant, dynamic and successful Pasifika youth. Secure and confident in their education pathway, identities, languages and cultures.
 - (b) To be a vibrant and thriving school community, centred on the Pasifika culture, enrolling 250 largely Pasifika students from low-decile communities in Auckland.
 - (c) Have a proven record of wrapping education within an innovative, cultural perspective, to successfully engage students, retain them at school, enable them to achieve in education, and see them progress to higher education and meaningful careers.
 - (d) Be regarded as delivering high-quality education programmes (NCEA levels 1, 2 and 3) aligned to the NZ curriculum.

- (e) Be successfully rooted within the Auckland Pasifika community, with strong support from parents/fanau, politicians and community groups to achieving top educational and life outcomes for its students.
8. This notice shall come into force the day after its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of September 2014.



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New Zealand Gazette Notice

Education Act 1989

Approval of Villa Education Trust as Sponsor of Middle School West Auckland establishment notice

Pursuant to section 158B of the Education Act 1989, I hereby give the following notice:

1. I hereby approve Villa Education Trust to be a Sponsor of a partnership school | kura hourua.
2. The name of the Sponsor's school is Middle School West Auckland.
3. The Sponsor's school will be located in West Auckland.
4. Middle School West Auckland will be a co-educational restricted composite school.
5. Education at Middle School West Auckland may be given for class levels 7 to 10.
6. For the 2015 year, the South Auckland Middle School will enrol students in class levels 7 to 10. None of the class levels at the school will be single-sex.
7. Middle School West Auckland will operate with the following aim, purpose and/or objectives:
 - a. To provide a learning environment that is thorough, innovative and able to be applied for each learner, through his or her individualised education
 - b. A strong emphasis on thinking skills and learners understanding how they think and learn (meta-cognition)
 - c. Building of personal character through applied Christian values.
8. This notice shall come into force the day after its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of September 2014.

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education