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Notice of Initiation of Bargaining

Kaiarahi i te Reo, Therapists, ATSSD, Special Education Assistants

On 20 May 2019 NZEI Te Riu Roa formally notified the Ministry of Education that it intends to seek a collective agreement covering every employee who is employed by an employer as a kaiarahi i te reo, therapist, ATSSD (assistant to teachers of students with severe disabilities) or special education assistant, in a state or state integrated primary, secondary or composite school or attached community learning centre.

For the purposes of this notice, “employer” means every board of trustees (or commissioner as appropriate) of a state or state integrated primary, intermediate, secondary, or composite school (excluding the Board of Trustees at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu), as defined in the Education Act 1989.

The intended parties to the collective agreement will be NZEI Te Riu Roa and the Secretary for Education acting under delegation from the State Services Commissioner in accordance with the State Sector Act 1988. The agreement sought will bind all employers and all members of NZEI Te Riu Roa coming within the proposed coverage of the collective agreement as outlined above.

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