

Hon Chris Hipkins

MP for Rimutaka

Minister of Education

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School Boards of Trustees

Dear Chair of the Board

You will be aware the Accord agreed between the Ministry of Education, NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA Te Wehengarua allows all schools and kura eight additional teacher-only days (16 half-days) to support improved workload for teachers and principals.

The intention for primary schools is that these days are taken during the term of the current collective agreements and for secondary schools over 2020, 2021 and 2022. These additional teacher-only days will not extend the school year.

Using my authority under section 65D of the Education Act 1989, I therefore approve the reduction of half-days required by up to 16, for primary schools between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2022, and for secondary schools between 27 January 2020 and 20 December 2022. These days are to support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practice.

Please accept my best wishes for the remainder of the year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CHIPKINS'.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education