



Education Report: Draft Cabinet Paper on resourcing for distance and hybrid learning

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Purpose of Report

This paper seeks your agreement to agency and Ministerial consultation on the attached draft Cabinet paper about reappropriating a learning pack underspend to provide additional resourcing for state and state-integrated schools and kura.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- agree** that the Ministry can release the attached draft Cabinet paper for agency and Ministerial consultation
- provide** feedback on the draft Cabinet paper by Monday 21 February 2022 following Ministerial consultation
- agree** this Education Report is released once the consultation document is released, with any information that may need to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official information Act 1982.


Agree / Disagree

Release / Not release



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Hon Chris Hipkins
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Background

1. On 28 January 2022 the Ministry proposed providing resourcing to schools and kura to support their preparation for distance and blended learning [METIS 1280781 refers]. You directed the Ministry to ensure regional insights would be considered in any allocation method. At your Agency meeting with officials on 14 February 2022, you agreed to take the proposal to Cabinet to re-allocate the funding to a non-departmental fund.
2. The attached draft Cabinet paper seeks approval to re-allocate funding from a departmental to non-departmental appropriation for this purpose.
3. The paper also notes our current proposed delivery model combines a formula-driven methodology with a regional fund (similar to the Urgent Response Fund) to enable the regions to respond to identified need. This model is still under development and the regional Ministry Hautū | Leaders will be consulted to ensure it is fit for purpose.

Next Steps

4. Following agency and Ministerial consultation, we will provide you with a final Cabinet paper for lodgement on 23 February 2022, for consideration at Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on 2 March. The timeline is outlined below.

Date	Activity
16 – 21 February 2022	Ministerial and agency consultation
23 February 2022	Final Cabinet paper provided to Minister's Office for lodging
24 February 2022	Paper lodged
2 March 2022	SWC
7 March 2022	Cabinet
Feb - March 2022	Confirmation of funding approach with Education regions

Annexes

- Annex 1: Draft Cabinet Paper: Reappropriating distance learning pack funding to provide additional resourcing for schools and kura