



Briefing Note: NZPF Moot Speech – 10 June 2022

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education, Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of paper

This briefing provides you both (Hon Tinetti and Hon Sio) with support material including draft question and answers for the annual New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF) Moot on Friday 10 June 2022.

Summary

- You have agreed to attend the 10 June 2022 NZPF Moot conference in Wellington.
- The purpose of the conference is for the sector to come together and share ideas about issues within schools.
- You are speaking consecutively from 10am, following the President's opening speech.
- This will be followed by a Question and Answer session. Questions and Answers (Q&A) are attached to this briefing note.
- Draft speech material is being provided to you separately.

Proactive Release

Agree that this Briefing Note be released following the event.

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Agree / Disagree.

Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

Hon Aupito William Sio
Associate Minister of Education

Background

1. You have agreed to attend and speak at The New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF) MOOT Conference on 10 June 2022 in Wellington.
2. Minister Hipkins and Associate Minister Kelvin Davis are unavailable to attend this event. In Minister Hipkins' RSVP response declining the invitation, he indicated Minister Tinetti would be happy to speak in his place.
3. The conference is held at The Lambton Room, The Intercontinental Wellington, 2 Grey Street Wellington.
4. The theme of the conference is 'My Voice, Your Voice, Our Voice - What success in Education looks like going forward'. It seeks to explore ways in which we can work together to create a stronger, more equitable education system for all. The conference usually features a range of different speakers, and breakout sessions.
5. You have been asked to speak following:
 - Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel, National President of NZPF who is scheduled to open the Moot at 9:10am;
 - Te Akatea President, Bruce Jepsen, who will speak at 9:30am; and
 - Fa'atili Iosua Esera, of the New Zealand Pasifika Principals' Association, at 9:45am.
6. Minister Tinetti's speech slot is scheduled to begin at 10am. Minister Sio's speech will follow next. You are invited to stay for the remainder of the day. A programme is attached as **Annex One**.
7. NZPF has asked for you to share your vision for curriculum change and plans to ensure the profession has the leadership and support necessary to address achievement challenges – including what you believe are the main topics within education at the moment and for the future.
8. Additional time will likely be incorporated in the programme (up to 20 minutes) for Ministers to take questions. Reactive Questions and Answers (Q&A) are attached in this briefing note as **Annex Two**.
9. Final speeches will be provided to your Offices by Wednesday 5pm 8 June 2022.
10. NZPF will host their annual conference on 14 – 16 September 2022 in Christchurch. The June Moot event differs from their conference in that it tends to support more critical discussion, with the conference focusing on development and sharing of expertise.

NZPF and areas of interests

11. NZPF recently elected Dr Cherie Patel as their President in January 2022. Dr Patel has extensive experience as a school principal, most recently as Principal of Flanshaw Road School in West Auckland. She also co-founded the West Auckland Principals' Association (WAPA) in 2008 to improve outcomes across West Auckland schools.
12. A range of topics may be raised by NZPF members in the Q&A, including equity index funding, planning and reporting, and progress on leadership or board focused initiatives from the Tomorrows Schools review. We have considered reactive Q&A inclusive of these topics, see **Annex Two**.
13. NZPF media releases, newsletters, submissions, and correspondence with the Ministry or Ministers have focused on a range of issues such as Covid, support for principals in managing challenging ākonga, and learning support.

Tomorrow's Schools Taskforce and Leadership Advisors

14. In their submission to the Tomorrow's Schools Taskforce¹ in 2019, the NZPF supported the Taskforce's aspirations in the proposed report but noted caution in expecting the education system alone to achieve the objectives as education inequities are affected by society wide complexities. The NZPF supported the establishment of the Leadership Centre and considered the Tomorrow's Schools recommended leadership advisor roles as being complementary to the services NZPF provide to Principals. They were concerned that the number of leadership advisors needed to be sufficient to ensure they could undertake their duties, including a potential role in supporting principal appraisals.

Tomorrows Schools progress

15. Budget 2022 funding will establish new leadership advisor roles based in the regions (Te Tai Rare, Te Tai Whenua and Te Tai Runga), to support school/kura leaders. The nature of these frontline advisory roles will be determined in collaboration with the sector and there will be some flexibility in how they operate across the different regions and in different settings, for example Kaupapa Māori.
16. Budget 2022 provides funding of \$22.3 million OPEX and \$0.425 million CAPEX to cover 21 leadership advisor roles, 3 administrative support roles, and 1 management role.
17. In combination with previous funding, there is now an investment of \$46.586 million OPEX and \$0.833 million CAPEX which is now enough for 45 Leadership Advisor roles, 3 administrative support roles, and 1 management role.
18. Some aspects of the Tomorrow's Schools changes (such as the development of a Code of Conduct for school boards and the establishment of dispute resolution panels) have needed to be progressed more slowly than originally planned, due to concerns about the sector's capacity to respond and adapt to further change particularly during Covid lockdowns and due to funding priorities.

Inclusive schooling support and Highest Needs Review

19. NZPF submitted in March 2022 in support of the Highest Needs Review,² with concerns around:

- continuity of learning supports
- workforce capability in learning support
- administrative burdens in learning support applications
- resourcing of ORS
- bridging silos in education
- removing enrolment barriers and supporting parental choice in their children's education.

20. More recently, a NZPF media release highlighted sector concern about the practicality of schools being able to accommodate every child's learning and advocated for improved funding of learning supports.

21. In May 2022 Dr Patel raised concern on News Talk ZB with the lack of available support for autistic ākonga following a stand-down or suspension – as well as the cap for ORS funding being too low for the level of need. This is in light of a cohort study finding that children with autism were three times more likely to be stood down or suspended than children without autism.³

¹http://www.nzpf.ac.nz/uploads/7/2/4/6/72461455/nzpf_submission_on_tomorrows_schools_report.pdf

²http://www.nzpf.ac.nz/uploads/7/2/4/6/72461455/nzpf_submission_on_highest_needs_review_march_2022_.pdf

³<https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/early-edition/audio/cherie-taylor-patel-principals-federation-president-when-autistic-children-have-the-right-levels-of-funding-and-support-theyre-more-likely-to-experience-success/>

Highest Needs Review progress

22. Information gathering phases of the Review have been completed and analysis of stakeholder voice is in process. The Ministry is seeking to establish processes with other agencies as we work to develop options and opportunities for change. The Review will provide a Cabinet paper for Minister Tinetti with recommendations in October 2022.
23. Objectives for the Review include the development of a strategic and planned system response, which will include aligning cross agency work so it is better connected and co-ordinated to ensure ākonga and their whanau have access to broader government supports.

International students under year 9

24. Some principals strongly opposed the proposal to stop enrolments of international students under year 9.
25. However, NZPF was supportive of the proposal, as they consider schools should rely on government funding rather than international students to fund additional services.⁴
26. Following consultation, the Ministry announced it will continue allowing international enrolments for all age groups.

Covid measures in schools

27. Dr Patel recently spoke to Radio NZ asking for improved ventilation in schools for 2023. She acknowledged some principals are okay with localised decision making for mask use in school, however, other principals want stronger guidance from the Ministry of Health on mask use.

Progress with Orange Level Settings

28. Under Orange Level Settings, face masks are strongly encouraged in schools, but are not required, when inside at school. They are required for children aged 12 and over on school transport.
29. Schools make decisions based on their own risk assessment and context and can include health measures in their school policies that are additional to the public health order requirements. Other health measures include ventilation, good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, and staying home when sick.
30. The Ministry has a programme of work in place to ensure that CO₂ monitors and portable air cleaners are made available to state and state integrated schools. As of the end of May 2022, the Ministry has provided over 5000 CO₂ monitors to 2,457 schools with arrangements in place for other education providers to purchase direct at our discounted pricing. In addition, almost 6000 portable air cleaners have been provided to 2278 schools, with 12,500 units procured for distribution to schools.

Draft speeches

31. Draft speeches for your use are being prepared and will be sent to you separately. Some material in these speeches may need to be updated prior to June 10 to reflect any new issues that arise during the week.
32. We understand the Attendance and Engagement Strategy will be announced on 9 June 2022. Attendance Q&A are included in Annex 2.

⁴<https://www.1news.co.nz/2022/03/04/plan-to-phase-out-international-students-under-year-9-alarms-principals/>

Annexes

Annex 1: Moot Programme

Annex 2: Q&A

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Annex 1. Moot Programme

**Annual Presidents' Moot****My Voice, Your voice, Our Voice**

Friday, 10 June 2022
9.00 - 16:00

The Intercontinental, Wellington
Lambton Room

Programme

Refreshments on arrival – coffee/tea

8:15 – 9:00	Registration opens
9:00 – 9:10	Official Opening - NZPF Kaumatua – Hatarei Temo Housekeeping – MC – Denise Torrey
9.10 – 9.30	President's Address – Cherie Taylor-Patel
9.30 – 9.45	Te Akatea President's Address – Bruce Jepsen
9.45 - 10.00	New Zealand Pasifika Principals' Association - Fa'atili Iosua Esera
10.00 - 10.30	Associate Minister of Education- Hon Jan Tinetti
10.30 – 10.50	Associate Minister of Education (Pacific Peoples)- Hon Aupito William Sio
10.50 – 11.20	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.20 - 12.20	Responding – What would be your top 3 priorities for the Education Budget funding in your region?
12.20 - 12.30	MC - Summing up the morning
12:30 – 1.10	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15 – 1.30	Malcolm Elliot - President of the Australian Primary Principals' Association
1:30 – 2.30	Regional Issues – What's on top? Discuss in small groups and report back to the whole group
2.30 - 3.00	Our Voice - What are our collective priorities? How do we define success for the future? How will we measure progress, assessment, and success in learning?

3.00 Po Atarau – NZPF Kaumatua – Hatarei Temo

3.00 - 4.00 Social hour

