



Briefing Note: Enabling electronic school board elections - Talking points for Social Wellbeing Committee

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Purpose of paper

This paper provides talking points (Annex 1) for your discussion of the paper *Enabling electronic school board elections* at the Social Wellbeing Committee on 24 November 2021.

Summary

- The Cabinet paper seeks policy approvals for proposed amendments to the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2000 (the Regulations).
- Changes to the Regulations are focused on enabling board elections to be held electronically and further modernising the board election framework. Specifically these proposals are to:
 - a) Establish minimum technical and process standards for electronic elections.
 - b) Provide for the Ministry of Education to establish a two-stage accreditation scheme to accredit providers of electronic elections.
 - c) Require paper alternatives in electronic elections.
 - d) Make a number of minor amendments to the Regulations to support the introduction of electronic elections and other modernising changes.

Proactive release

Agree that this briefing will be proactively released after Cabinet decisions have been made.

Agree / Disagree

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Annexes

Annex 1: Talking points