



## Briefing Note: Background and talking points for your speech at NZSTA conference

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### Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with background information and talking points for your speech at the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) conference on 7 October 2022.

### Summary

1. You are invited by NZSTA and agreed to be one of six keynote speakers. You have 45 minutes for your keynote session on **7 October 11:15am – 12 noon**
2. This briefing and attached talking points (Annex 1) will support you in your discussion on:
  - 2.1. Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori pathways work programme
  - 2.2. Section 127 of the Education Training Act 2020
  - 2.3. Poutama Reo

### Proactive Release

3. **Agree** that this Briefing is proactively released after the NZSTA conference with any redactions in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

  
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28/9/2022

**Agree / Disagree**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
**Associate Minister of Education**

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## Background

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### *Background to NZSTA*

4. The New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) is a membership-based national organisation that has represented the interests of its member boards since 1989. Membership of NZSTA is open to boards of any state or state-integrated school.
5. School boards are the largest single group of Crown entities in the country, accountable directly to the government and the local community for the quality of education in their school. There are approximately 18,000 people currently serving on 2,425 state and state-integrated school boards. Approximately 2,232 school boards are NZSTA members (92 percent of the total number of school boards).
6. NZSTA's mission is to lead and strengthen school governance in New Zealand. The organisation does this by providing a range of integrated services to support and enhance board capability in governance and employment in all state and state-integrated schools.
7. The organisation is governed by the NZSTA Board which comprises the NZSTA President and six members.<sup>1</sup> The NZSTA Board is elected every three years by NZSTA member school boards.
8. Since 2013, the Ministry of Education contracted NZSTA to be the main source of support, professional development, and advice to all school boards, regardless of whether they are members of NZSTA or not. The current contract runs from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022. The contract aligns NZSTA outcomes and activities with key Government priorities and includes:
  - provision of independent employment, personnel, trusteeship, and governance advice to boards
  - provision of management services for school board elections
  - increasing boards' capability in human resources management
  - professional development for boards, and
  - quality assurance of the professional development and support.

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### *Background to the NZSTA Annual Conference*

12. The 32nd NZSTA Annual Conference will be held from 7-9 October 2022 at the Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch. The theme of the conference is "Lead with Purpose, Partnering for Strength."

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<sup>1</sup> Lorraine Kerr (President), Joycelyn TM Tauevihi, Chris Haines, Meredith Kennett, Rebecca Keating, Jocelyn Merwood.

13. In previous years, the conference has been attended by a diverse cross section of up to 1200 board members, including significant numbers of Māori representatives. This year NZSTA is expecting up to 900 attendees.
14. School board members represent rural and urban, state and state-integrated primary and secondary schools, along with Māori-medium kura from across the country.
15. Several principals also attend with their boards. As of 2019, 18 percent (444) of the 2,466 school principals are Māori and a further 2 percent are Pacific.

## Your Attendance and speech

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16. You will be one of six keynote speakers at the 32nd NZSTA Annual conference 2022. You have 45 minutes for your keynote session on **7 October 11:15am–12:00noon**. This includes mihi, speech, and question and answers (at your discretion).
17. You will be met by Lorraine Kerr, President NZSTA at the reception desk at Te Pae Convention Centre, 188 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch. Lorraine will also introduce you to the audience.
18. Speech notes are attached below (Annex 1). Which includes talking points on:
  - Māori Medium and Kaupapa Māori pathways work programme
  - Section 127 additions in the Education Training Act 2020
  - Poutama Reo, and
  - Anything else you would like to speak about, is at your discretion

## Other conference attendees and speakers

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19. The Minister of Education Hon Chris Hipkins, has been allocated the 45-minute keynote session from 10:30am – 11:15am, which is immediately before your keynote session. His attendance and the topic/s of his keynote session are not yet confirmed.
20. Ministry of Education and Education Review Office (ERO) officials have exhibition space at the conference and will be presenting several seminars:
  - Daryn Bean, Hautū | Deputy Secretary, Te Tuarongo, Ministry of Education (MOE), will present 'Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi',
  - Rose Carpenter, Change and Implementation Manager, MOE will present 'New Zealand Curriculum Refresh',
  - Lynda Pura-Watson, Deputy Chief Executive Evaluation and Review Māori, Education Review Office will present on 'Te Reo Maori in English medium schools, and
  - Dr Lesley Patterson, Regional Director Te Tai Tini (Southern) Education Review Office will present on 'Evaluation – a superpower for Boards'.
21. Other Keynote speakers at the NZSTA conference, include:
  - Professor Mere Berryman ONZM from Waikato University presenting on:
    - Considering our role and responsibility in leading learning for 'belonging'.
    - Understanding te ao Māori as foundational to learning.

- Dr Michelle Johannson, Kāuru Kura | Head of School, Ako Mātātupu | Teach First NZ presenting on:
  - What will it take to change the world for Young Brown Scholars?
  - How might we co-conspire to change this world for our young brown scholars???
- Peter Boshier, Chief Ombudsman presenting on:
  - Navigating fairness.
- Keith McGregor, Director/Owner Personnel Psychology NZ Ltd presenting on:
  - Practical strategies to create resilient and motivated teams.

## Annexes

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Annex 1: Talking points

Annex 2: Info sheet

Annex 3: Conference Programme