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Tēnā koe

OIA: 1320701 – Mercury Bay Area School reports

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. All subsequent reports on the issues raised in the earlier reports and any further emails from teachers, parents and members of the board of trustees giving their opinion, congratulations or criticism of the work of the statutory manager, as highlighted in the local newspaper.*
- 2. In particular, I would like to receive any reports into changes to financial management at the school, covering all aspects of issues raised in the earlier reports, such as the purchase of laptops and funding for artwork at the school's Maori whare.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to **part one**, the Ministry does not hold any documents relating to subsequent reports on the issues raised in the earlier reports and any further emails from teachers, parents and members of the board of trustees giving their opinion, congratulations or criticism of the work of the statutory manager of Mercury Bay Area School. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

In response to **part two** of your request for reports into changes to financial management at Mercury Bay Area School, the documentation you have requested is attached as **Appendix A**. My decision as to the release of these documents is outlined in the below **Appendix A Document Table**.

Some information has also been withheld from these documents under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals, and under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Jocelyn Mikaere
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Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	7 December 2022	Report: Statutory Intervention (Limited Statutory Manager) Monthly Report	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2	31 January 2023	Report: Statutory Intervention (Limited Statutory Manager) Monthly Report	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3	8 February 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: February 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	9 March 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: March 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	27 April 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: April 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
6	18 May 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: May 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
7	20 June 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: June 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
8	18 July 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: July 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
9	8 August 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: August 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
10	8 September 2023	Report : Mercury Bay Area School Report: September 2023	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(a)(i) and 9(2)(a) of the Act.
11		Mercury Bay Area School LSM Principal Feedback	Release in full.