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Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *The percentage of students who remained at a single school each year, for the past five school years (2015-2019).*
2. *The percentage of students who remained at a single school each year for the past five years (2015-2019), broken down by school decile*
3. *The percentage of students who remained at a single school each year for the past five years (2015-2019), broken down by age.*

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

Please find attached to this response an Excel spreadsheet containing three tables that detail data from 2015-2019 for the percentage of students who remained at a single school each year, broken down by overall total, decile and student age.

The data has been pulled from ENROL, the register of student enrolments, as at 27 July 2020 and is subject to change if extracted at a later date. The data is from an administrative system and is indicative only, as the information is not checked in the same manner as our official roll return collections. We are reliant on schools providing the Ministry with accurate data. This data will differ from publicly available data due to the application of different business rules and cannot be used comparatively with any publicly available data.

Students are counted as having attended a single school in a year if, from 1 January to 31 December of the respective year, they attended only a single school, regardless of their length of enrolment at the particular school. This data excludes enrolments of 1 day, which are treated as "false" enrolments.

In the "Overall" and "Age" tables, students will only be counted once for each category. In the "Decile" table, students can be counted multiple times in the "Total Student Count" if a student attended multiple schools in a singular year with differing deciles. It is expected that students will contribute to counts across multiple years.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, 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. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Ashley-Jones', is centered below the text.

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