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Education Report: Approval for the establishment of Drury West Primary School

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| To: | Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education | | |
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Purpose of Report

This report seeks your approval to establish a co-educational Year 1 – 8 full primary school at Burberry Road, Drury, Auckland, intended to open in Term One, 2022.

If established the school will incorporate a special education off-site unit to be operated by Parkside School.

Summary

- 1 Drury is the largest and fastest growing area of residential development in Auckland. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development advice from March 2019 indicates a Drury population of 65,000 people by 2043, including approximately 11,350 children – around 6,800 primary students and 4,550 secondary students.
- 2 A 10 year growth plan for this area is included in the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP). The growth plan anticipates that there will be additional capacity required across all year levels and the establishment of four to six primary schools and one or two secondary schools.
- 3 The Ministry owns a 4.7 hectare site in 41 Burberry Road, Drury and we recommend establishing a primary school on this site to cater for the anticipated increase in students.
- 4 Consultation regarding the establishment of Drury West Primary School has been carried out according to Section 157 of the Education Act 1989 with schools whose rolls might be affected. No responses were received to the consultation undertaken.
- 5 We also consulted NZEI Te Riu Roa, which supports the establishment of a state non-integrated full primary school in this area.

- 6 Funding for a new primary school in Drury West was announced in June 2017. This was part of a \$240m package to provide further capacity to meet roll growth in Auckland.
- 7 We recommend the establishment of a new primary school (Years 1-8) at 41 Burberry Road, Drury, due to the substantial school-aged population growth in the area. If you agree, Drury West Primary School is expected to open for instruction at all year levels in 2022.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- a. **note** that on 7 August 2019 you approved consultation under section 157 of the Education Act 1989 on the proposed establishment of a new Year 1 – 8 primary school in Drury West Auckland, and that consultation has been completed on your behalf;
- Noted**
- b. **agree** to establish, under section 146 of the Education Act 1989, a full primary school (Year 1 – 8), to be known initially as Drury West Primary School, at Burberry Road, Drury;
- Agree / Disagree**
- c. **sign** the attached notice for the *New Zealand Gazette*;
- d. **announce** your decision to establish the school by releasing the attached media statement;
- e. **note** that if you agree to recommendation (b) above, the Ministry will exercise its delegation to appoint an Establishment Board of Trustees for the school;
- Noted**
- f. **agree** to the use of the Drury West Primary School site by Parkside School for operation of an off-site unit pursuant to section 71A of the Act;
- Agree / Disagree**
- e. **sign** the attached letters to local MPs and Parkside School advising your decisions;

- g. **agree** that this report be proactively released in line with your expectation that information be released as early as possible. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Release / Not release



Katrina Casey
Deputy Secretary
Sector Enablement and Support

14/2/20



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

4/3/20

Background

1. Drury West Primary School is a proposed new primary school to be located in the South Auckland suburb of Drury. The school is recommended due to the substantial residential developments in the Drury area.
2. You agreed to consultation on establishment of the proposed school on 7 August 2019 [METIS 1200436 refers]. Under section 157 of the Act we have consulted on your behalf with the boards of trustees of all state and state integrated schools whose rolls might be affected by the establishment of the proposed school.

Network Considerations

3. A 10 year growth plan for this area is included in the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP). It is anticipated that additional capacity will be required across all year levels in Drury, and that this will require the establishment of four to six state primary schools and one or two state secondary schools.
4. This area has been closely monitored for some time. The Auckland Unitary Plan earmarked Drury, and specifically the area to the west of the current Drury Township (known as Auranga), for significant urban growth in the short to medium term.
5. In 2016 it was anticipated that the proposed developments would generate an additional 5,700 students in the wider Drury area. Planning then commenced for both a primary (Year 1-8) and a secondary school in the Drury West area. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development advice from March 2019 indicates a Drury population of 65,000 people by 2043, including approximately 11,350 children – around 6,800 primary students and 4,550 secondary students.
6. The Auranga Development, located west of Drury township, will provide up to 2,650 mixed urban residences contributing to the wider Drury area that could potentially be New Zealand's fifth largest city with a population exceeding 130,000 within 30 years.
7. Currently the Drury area is served by two primary schools, Drury School and Ramarama School. Through Budget 2019, Drury School will be provided with six classrooms to increase its capacity, bringing its total teaching spaces to 25.

Enrolment scheme

8. Should you agree to the establishment of the school, an enrolment scheme will be developed as the projected population growth presents an ongoing risk of overcrowding without a scheme.
9. As with all new schools we will work closely with the establishment board of trustees to ensure the proposed home zone will meet the new school's needs so that it is viable, as well as ensuring that the impact on existing schools in the network is managed.

Proposed new school

10. It is proposed that the new school will be a co-educational Year 1 – 8 full primary school located at Burberry Road, Drury, South Auckland.
11. The school will initially be known as Drury West Primary School and it is anticipated that it will open for tuition at the start of 2022.

11. An initial build for 370 students is proposed, with master planning for a roll of 700 students. There will also be a special education satellite unit of Parkside School included in the development.

Satellite unit of Parkside School

12. Parkside School is a day special school that has a base site in Pukekohe, a network of satellite units in local schools and a transition programme in the Pukekohe community for students 18 – 21 years.
13. The distribution of students currently enrolled at Parkside School is concentrated in the Pukekohe area and extends west to Glenbrook, east to Ramarama and north to Papakura.
14. Parkside School's satellite network is currently operating at 94% capacity and the growth projected for Drury means that additional provision will be needed. The teaching space has been incorporated into the build plan and budget.
15. The board of Parkside School will need to enter into an agreement with the Secretary for Education before the unit begins operation.

Consultation

16. Under section 157 of the Education Act 1989, you are required to consult with all state schools whose rolls might be affected before establishing a new school. You gave permission for the Ministry to undertake this consultation on your behalf on 7 August 2019 [METIS 1200436 refers].
17. We consulted with 17 schools. We also contacted the two closest schools (Drury School and Ramarama School) to the proposed school by telephone. No responses were received to the consultation undertaken.
18. We also consulted NZEI Te Riu Roa, which supports the establishment of a state non-integrated full primary school in this area.

Property

19. The Ministry has purchased 4.73ha off 41 Burberry Road and Bremner Road, Drury, for the new school.
20. The site has been designated for Year 1 – 8 education and early childhood education provision.
21. The Drury West design scope will be consistent to Ministry design principles, embody flexible learning environments, provide opportunities for efficient construction approach, deliver value for money and have low maintenance and running costs. The design scope will include spaces allocated per the School Property Guide, outdoor learning spaces and associated open space and landscaping, and also include a special education satellite unit of Parkside School.

Financial Implications

22. Funding for a new primary school in Drury West was announced in June 2017. This was part of a \$240m package to provide further capacity to meet roll growth in Auckland.

Transport Implications

24. There are no identifiable substantive transport implications associated with the establishment of the school, given the public transport available in this area.

Establishment Board of Trustees

25. Every new school has an Establishment Board of Trustees (EBoT). Nominations were sought for the EBoT, subject to your agreement to establish the school, while the section 157 consultation was underway.
26. The process of appointing the EBoT has been delegated to the Ministry. Once nominations have been assessed against the criteria for appointment, appointments will be made under section 98(1)(a)(i) of the Act.
27. Should you agree to the establishment of the school, we will also commence the appointment process for a Governance Facilitator to support the school to become an effective governance body and to prepare the school for opening as an effective learning organisation.

Risks

28. There is a risk that the population growth projected for this area will occur more slowly than forecast and that the school will not be fully utilised for some years. However, this risk is considered to be very low as work is currently underway in the Auranga Development.
29. We will continue to monitor demographic growth in this area in order to respond to future residential developments and population growth.

Next steps

30. If you approve this establishment, you are asked to sign the attached letters to local MPs (Annex 1) and Parkside School Board of Trustees (Annex 2), and the *New Zealand Gazette* notice (Annex 3).
31. You are also asked to issue a media statement (draft attached as Annex 4).
32. An EBoT will be appointed, and a governance facilitator appointed to support the EBoT as it works to ready the school to open in 2022.

Proactive Release of this Report

33. It is intended that this Education Report be proactively released in line with your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information that might need to be withheld will be redacted in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

Annex 1: Letters local MPs

Annex 2: Letter to Parkside School Board of Trustees

Annex 3: Notice for the *New Zealand Gazette*



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Annex 1: Letters to local MPs

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Dr Deborah Russell
MP for New Lynn
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6160

Dear Deborah

I have received an application from Algoritmi Educational Trust seeking to integrate Iqra Elementary School, at 7 Hugh Brown Drive, New Lynn, Auckland.

After considering all the information provided to me, I have agreed to enter into negotiations with the proprietor. This agreement is the first stage of the integration process.

I am aware that the school-aged population in the New Lynn area is expected to grow in the immediate future, and especially within the Muslim community. I will take this into account when I make my final decision.

I believe this school could assist with pressure on the existing state school network as well as providing educational choice for the Muslim community in Auckland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

Hon Chris Hipkins

MP for Rimutaka

Minister of Education

Minister of State Services

Leader of the House

Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services



Hon Peeni Henare
MP for Tāmaki Makaurau
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6160

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Annex 2: Letter to Parkside School Board of Trustees

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Mr Karl Lindner
Chair, Board of Trustees
Parkside School
184 Wellington Street
PUKEKOHE 2120

Approval of use of an off-site location under section 71A(2) of the Education Act 1989

Dear Mr Lindner

I am writing to you regarding the Special Education satellite unit planned to be built as part of the new Drury West Primary School in Drury West, Auckland.

I have approved the establishment of Drury West Primary School, which at this stage is planned to open for instruction in Term 1, 2022.

Subject to the relevant Property Occupancy Document variation being agreed between your Board and the Board of Drury West Primary School, I confirm approval under section 71A(2) of the Education Act 1989 for the Parkside School Board of Trustees to operate a special education off-site (satellite) unit at Drury West Primary School, once open for instruction, for the provision of education to eligible students.

Before beginning operation the Board will need to enter into an agreement with the Secretary for Education regarding this use. Please arrange this through the Ministry's Auckland Office.

I wish you well for the operation of this satellite unit.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Chris Hipkins.

Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

cc Isabel Evans, Director of Education for Auckland

Proactively Released

Hon Chris Hipkins

MP for Rimutaka

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New School Establishment

Pursuant to section 146 of the Education Act 1989, I hereby establish a Year 1 – 8 full primary school, to be initially known as Drury West Primary School, at Burberry Road, Drury, Auckland.

Dated at Wellington this

4th

day of

March

2020

A blue ink signature of Hon Chris Hipkins.

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education