

Our Ref: OIA-26-397

16 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act request for consultations on ERO's new school reports

I refer to your email to the Education Review Office dated 17 March 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Please provide a list of those schools directly consulted with in relation to the revised ERO schools report. Please include the Schools email address and equity index number.*
- 2. Please provide a list of parents and parent groups consulted with in developing the Revised ERO report for schools.*

ERO consulted a range of schools that reflect a cross-section of New Zealand. Care was taken to include both rural and urban schools across the North and South Islands across all student age groups, with Education Quality Index scores ranging between 350 and 525.

The names of the schools and their email addresses are being withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA, as the engagement was undertaken on a confidential basis. Releasing the names would be likely to limit schools' willingness to engage with ERO in future, which would not be in the public interest.

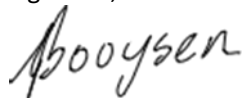
Parents were initially engaged by an external company that specialises in running focus groups. A second round of engagement was then organised and hosted by participating schools within local parents. As part of this process, a Māori whānau group and a Pacific fono group were also engaged.

The names of the parents are being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, to protect their privacy.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. We do not publish requesters' personal information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,



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