



Our Ref: OIA-26-401

16 Apri 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your email to the Education Review Office dated 18 March 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I heard Ruth state that 100 parents were interviewed regarding getting feedback around this report and had input into it.

Can you please provide the geographical spread of where the parents came from (numbers across the country) and what equity index school (and ethnicity) they represented?

Parents were initially engaged by an external company specialising in the facilitation of focus groups. A second round of engagement was subsequently organised and hosted by schools.

These engagements included a Māori whānau group and a Pacific fono group. Parents involved in the latter group were from Northland, Auckland, Waikato, the Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Canterbury, and Marlborough. The Equity Quality Index (EQI) ratings of the participating schools ranged from 350 to 525.

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 We do not publish requesters' personal information.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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