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Dear Brett

Thank you for your writing to the Ministry of Education on 7 August 2019 to request the following information:

- *All communication between Matamata College and the Ministry of Education regarding the proposed site for the stadium behind the College.*
- *All communication between the Ministry of Education and the Matamata Piako District Council regarding the proposed site for the stadium behind the College.*

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

I am providing five emails between Matamata College and the Ministry, as well as minutes of a meeting on 4 July 2018. See **Appendix 1**.

I am withholding the contact numbers of Ministry staff and the school Principal under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. I have identified no public interest consideration favouring the release of this information. I am also redacting some information unrelated to the proposed site. I would like to note that verbal communications that have occurred between the Ministry, school, and Council on this matter are reflected in the meeting notes from 4 July 2018.

As you may be aware, no formal proposal has been put forward to the Ministry yet. If suitable funding is secured for the construction of the proposed gymnasium its ownership and location will be subject to agreement with the Ministry of Education and consultation with the community for resource consent.

Under section 28(3), you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Education Infrastructure Service