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Tēnā koe H Griffin

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *A copy of the scoping report and outcomes report prepared by the Limited Statutory Manager that was in place at Hawera Intermediate between 2019 and 2020.*

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

The majority of New Zealand schools operate successfully. A small number of schools have difficulties they cannot resolve without help. The difficulties will vary between schools, but can include such things as relationship breakdowns, employment disputes, financial concerns and issues with curriculum provision.

We always support school boards to resolve issues themselves and only use statutory interventions as a last resort when schools need help with operational risks or risks to the welfare or educational performance of their students.

When we use statutory interventions, we support schools by using the lowest level possible to address the identified risks and to build board capability. A statutory intervention can provide new expertise and a fresh perspective on issues that a board has been struggling to resolve.

Interventions do not have a fixed timeframe for completion and can be active for more than one year. The majority are completed within two years. Interventions are monitored monthly and reviewed at least annually by the Ministry.

A Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) was appointed to Hawera Intermediate School in October 2019, following a request from the School Board, to help it address employment, curriculum, board processes and procedures and communication challenges. The LSM completed their role on 22 September 2020 as all intervention outcomes had been met. On 12 October 2020 an experienced principal began her appointment at the school.

We are providing a copy of the scoping report requested in full as Document One in the attached **Appendix A**.

A copy of the final monthly outcomes report prepared by the Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) has been provided in part as Document Two in the attached **Appendix A**. Please note that the contents of the Monthly Report are cumulative, with the contents of previous reports contained in this final report. Contents for each of the reports are colour coded as outlined in the table below and this covers the entire period of the intervention.

Time period	Text colour of new content
Nov – Dec 2019	Black
Jan – Feb 2020	Yellow highlight
Mar – Apr 2020	Red
May – Jun 2020	Green
July – Aug 2020	Blue

Some information in this outcomes report has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act as this information is administrative in nature and incidental to the substantive response. We have identified no public interest considerations favouring its release.

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. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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