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Tēnā koe Mr Gousmett

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2016 requesting the following information:

- *Please provide copies of all advice received by you regarding the future of Salisbury School since January 2012.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have interpreted your request as being for copies of Education Reports received and considered by me regarding Salisbury School since 2012. All information I have received on Salisbury School has been published on the Ministry of Education's website. You can find these documents, information about the current proposal for the school, and the consultation process at: <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/residential-special-schools-information-release-2016/>. For this reason I am declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you have requested is publicly available.

I have recently commenced consultation with the Board of Trustees of Salisbury School over the school's future. I want to assure you that as this is a consultation process, no decision has yet been made. The purpose of this process is for me to hear as many views as possible from the wider community and especially those who have experience of either the Intensive Wraparound Service and/or residential special schools. The consultation will end on 12 August 2016. You are welcome to make a submission.

Once I have considered all the information and feedback, should I decide that Salisbury School should close, the school Board will have the opportunity to make further arguments in support of the school staying open.

I want to assure you I am committed to making a final decision about the school that will ensure students continue to receive the resources and support they need.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response.

Heoi anō

Hon Hekia Parata
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