

Review of Tomorrow's Schools: Video message

Kia ora I'm Bali Haque, Chair of the independent Taskforce appointed by the Minister of Education charged with reviewing Tomorrow's Schools.

Tomorrow's Schools is the name given to the reforms of nearly 30 years ago. Those reforms dramatically changed the way our schools are governed, managed and administered.

Let me give you some numbers.

Every school day

- Over 800,000 students go to
- Just over 2,500 schools
- Are taught by over 55,000 teachers
- And governed by over 19,000 hard working board of trustees members
- And we spend nearly \$10 Billion a year making it all happen.

These are big numbers. This is a big deal!

Our collective job as a taskforce is to look at how well the Tomorrow's Schools system is working, give it a good metaphorical shake and ask:

- How can those currently least well served by our system get a better deal?
- Are we meeting the needs of all our Māori students, and is our system working for Māori medium students?
- How can we ensure the system is geared up to meet the uncertain, huge, crazy, exciting future ahead of us?
- And how can ensure the education system continues to produce smart, creative, innovative, agile citizens, who can not only cope with the challenges ahead but shape those challenges, and lead the change?

These are Big questions - but in reality they are also about some pretty basic things:

- The lives, well-being and happiness of our children and young people
- And the future of this country

This is a key moment, an opportunity to think about the possibilities of the future

AND Celebrate and build on what we already doing well

We're very interested in what you think about

- How effectively boards of trustees are working?
- How well schools are meeting the needs and aspirations of every child that walks in their gate,
- and how effectively schools are supported by government education agencies in this task?
- How we could improve the way schools work together,
- and what the impact of increased competition between schools has been?
- Are enrolment schemes working fairly?
- How can we better assess the performance and quality of individual schools and the schooling system as a whole?

This is really important, and we want to know what YOU think!

So please get on to our website where you can find much more about this review, and tell us what's working for you, what's not working for you, and what needs to change.