Establishing a new school

What does this mean?
A new stand alone school will be established with its own Board of Trustees. This is how Shotover Primary School and Remarkables Primary School were recently established.

An Establishment Board of Trustees (EBoT) would be appointed as soon as possible to work with the Ministry around setting up the new school.

An establishment board is responsible for:

- developing an educational vision for the school
- contributing to the school design
- becoming operational; including the appointment of a principal and staff
- preparing the school for opening as an effective education provider.

A governance facilitator would be appointed to support the establishment board.

How would it work?
Once open, the new school would operate as its own entity. The establishment board would be replaced by a parent-elected board approximately six months after opening.

All staffing, funding and property policies would apply to the new school, like all other schools in the district.

Questions for consideration
This is the way most schools are established. One key theme that has come through the engagement process in July, is maintaining a sense of community.

Alternative options could be:
- Creating two schools with one combined Board of Trustees
- Creating a second campus of an existing school

We are interested in your views about the opportunities and advantages of these alternatives compared to the status quo.