



TE KAHU O TAONU I

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Hato Petera College – potential closure and cancellation of the integration agreement

This letter is written on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui, the Chairs of the nine Iwi entities in Te Taitokerau which includes the Northland region within its boundaries.

At its meeting on 13 September Te Kahu o Taonui was briefed on the consultation process related to the review of the future of Hato Petera College given the falling roll and the breakdown in governance relationships for the college.

Firstly, it is disappointing that the other eight Iwi entities were not included in the formal notification process given the role that the college has played in the lives of many past and present pupils from their *rohe*. This has consequently left little time for these matters to be considered in a more informed manner by those entities who were excluded.

Te Kahu o Taonui is aware of the issues that need to be resolved and that a number of measures are being considered to ensure that the college is able to continue to carry on its legacy of providing our Maori students a supportive learning environment and high standard of education that meets their learning needs and enables them to enjoy success as Maori.

Accordingly Te Kahu o Taonui supports in principle Hato Petera College including its hostel facility, remaining open and does not support the cancellation of the integration agreement or the school's closure.

Kia ora

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for and on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui

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