



Education Report: Tomorrow's Schools Cross-Sector Advisory Panel

To:	Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins		
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Purpose of report

The Tomorrow's Schools Review will be undertaken by an Independent Taskforce, and supported by a Cross-Sector Advisory Panel (the Advisory Panel). This paper provides an update on progress made in appointing the panel, including proposed membership, for any feedback from your office.

Summary

1. The Tomorrow's Schools Review Independent Taskforce will be supported by the expertise of a Cross-Sector Advisory Panel (the Advisory Panel).
2. The Advisory Panel will be a forum for discussion and feedback to the Taskforce. We envisage that it will meet monthly, with potential for additional engagement with specific members in between meetings. We intend for the Advisory Panel to consist of 30-35 members; the proposed membership is set out at Annex 1 for your office's feedback.
3. In this membership we have sought to balance Board of Trustee, principal, teacher, young person, diversity, provocateur and education sector peak body perspectives.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** the proposed membership for the Cross-Sector Advisory Panel, and provide any feedback from your office by Thursday 12 April.
- b. **agree** that this Education Report is proactively released as part of the next publication, with Annex 1 redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, in order to protect the privacy of the people mentioned.

Noted

Agree / Disagree

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6/4/18.

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

15/4/18

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Background

1. The Independent Taskforce undertaking the Tomorrow's Schools review will be supported by a Cross-Sector Advisory Panel (the Advisory Panel). The Advisory Panel will be established by the Ministry, and will include representatives from the range of groups and organisations that have an interest in the state and state-integrated schooling sector. This includes families and whānau, employers, Board of Trustee members, principals, teachers and young people.
2. The Advisory Panel will include both English Medium and Māori Medium representatives. The Advisory Panel will provide important front line and diversity and inclusion perspectives, as well as bringing the perspectives of peak bodies. In addition, we anticipate that the Advisory Panel will assist the Taskforce to bring a fresh and innovative perspective to the review.
3. In order to begin its work and remain on track to report to you in early November, the Taskforce will first meet on 23 April, followed by its first meeting with the Advisory Panel on 15 May. Your Office has been advised of both of these dates for your consideration as to whether you would like to meet with either group.

Function of the Advisory Panel

4. The purpose of the Advisory Panel is to provide a consistent sounding board for the Taskforce across the entirety of their period of consultation, evidence gathering and recommendation-forming (from May to October 2018). We are planning for the Advisory Panel to meet monthly during this period, but also expect the Taskforce will seek the views and experiences of members outside of these meetings, as appropriate.

Proposed membership of the Advisory Panel

5. We are planning for the Advisory Panel to comprise of 30-35 members, and have sought to shortlist individuals who can provide multiple perspectives, to maximise the voices represented whilst keeping the group at a manageable size.
6. Annex One sets out our proposed membership for the Panel in addition to the thirteen peak sector bodies already invited and that were included in your press release announcing the membership of the Independent Taskforce on 4 April. The PPTA have also requested to have an additional nominated representative from the Secondary Principals' Council, which we have agreed to. The length of the shortlist reflects that the potential candidates are yet to be approached and there is a likelihood that some will not be available.
7. For the other members we have sought to achieve a balance of membership representing front line, diversity and inclusion and provocateur perspectives. We have also ensured that various socio-economic, cultural and geographic perspectives have been represented in this shortlist. Our proposed membership includes representatives of tikanga Māori, Pasifika communities, parents, and children and young people with learning support needs. The shortlist aims to provide perspectives of a range of schools in terms of size, type and geographical distribution.
8. Whilst the Advisory Panel will play an important role in bringing diverse and representative perspectives to the Independent Taskforce, it is not the only means through which the Taskforce will hear these perspectives. The Taskforce will also consult widely with stakeholders, including through a public submissions process as well

as being provided with relevant feedback received as part of the National Education Conversation that is currently underway.

9. Whilst we have proposed some youth representation on the Advisory Panel, we will also identify other ways to get a youth perspective, such as engagement on the Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (SNELP).

Next steps

10. As a Ministry-established advisory group, appointments to the Advisory Panel do not need to be considered by Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee, or by Cabinet.
11. Following any feedback from your office on the proposed membership, we will contact the proposed candidates for the Advisory Panel to ascertain their willingness and capacity to be a member. Candidates will be contacted and confirmed during the week of 16 April to enable travel arrangements for the first Advisory Panel meeting on Tuesday 15 May.

Proactive release of education report

12. It is intended that this Education Report is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. The list of individuals in Annex One will be withheld, in order to protect the personal privacy of the persons mentioned, in line with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Proposed additional membership of the Cross-Sector Advisory Panel

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