**Education Report: Prime Minister’s Education Excellence Awards – The 2019 Ceremony and Gala Dinner Briefing – Tuesday 10 September**

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**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Note** the detailed arrangements for the 2019 Prime Minister’s Education Excellence Awards ceremony and gala dinner.

- **Note** the detailed information for the Prime Minister for the ceremony, and the Associate Ministers’ of Education, and any Members of Parliament attending the ceremony.

**Summary**

This report outlines the arrangements for the 2019 Prime Minister’s Education Excellence Awards ceremony and gala dinner to be held on Tuesday 10 September, in Parliament Buildings, and includes a briefing pack for you, the Prime Minister, the Associate Ministers’ of Education and any Members of Parliament who are attending the ceremony.
Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

Note the detailed arrangements for the 2019 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards ceremony and gala dinner.

Note the detailed information for the Prime Minister for the ceremony, and the Associate Ministers' of Education, and any Members of Parliament attending the ceremony.

Agree to sign letters to the Prime Minister, the Associate Ministers' of Education and any Members of Parliament who are attending the ceremony.

Agree to forward to briefing packs to the Prime Minister, the Associate Ministers' of Education and any Members of Parliament who are attending the ceremony.

Agree that this information will not be proactively released at this time.

Pauline Cleaver
Acting Deputy Secretary
Early Learning and Student Achievement
29/08/2019

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education
4/9/19
Background

1. The Judging Panel for the Awards met on 19 August, following visits to each of the finalists, to select winners in each of the four categories and the 2019 Focus Prize: Excellence in Engaging, Excellence in Leading, Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Excellence in Health and Wellbeing Education, the 2019 Focus Prize on Māori-medium Education, and the Supreme Award winner.

Comment

2. The Awards ceremony and gala dinner to announce the winners and present their trophies, is to be held on Tuesday 10 September in Parliament Buildings. It will begin with the guests arriving at 6.00pm with pre-dinner drinks in the Grand Hall. Iona Holsted, the Secretary for Education, will meet you at 6.40pm at the entrance to the Grand Hall where you will have an opportunity to meet the guests.

3. The Prime Minister arrives at 7.00pm. You will meet her with Iona Holsted at the Banquet Hall entrance and then you will all be seated to begin the Awards ceremony.

4. The professional Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Stacey Morrison.

5. Once you leave the stage following the presentations, you will be seated at your dinner table. Seated at your table will be the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, if she remains for the dinner; the three Associate Ministers of Education; Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education; Pauline Cleaver, Acting Deputy Secretary, Early Learning and Student Achievement; the Kaumātua, Kura Moeahu; the Master of Ceremonies, Stacey Morrison, and Parliamentary private secretaries.

6. You will be asked to speak following the Prime Minister’s introductory comments. Speaking notes are included in this report should you require them. You will also speak at the end of the ceremony. Talking points have also been provided for that part of the ceremony.

Media

7. We have drafted a press release (attached as Annex Nine) announcing the winners in each category, for your consideration. The release will be embargoed until 8.15pm on 10 September to coincide with the end of the Awards ceremony. The Ministry also intends to tweet before the event and during the event using #NZschools #PMAwardsNZ @jacindaardern. We are also live-streaming the event on the Ministry’s Facebook page for the second time, here: https://bit.ly/2OwXc00.

8. At this stage the following media have been invited to attend the ceremony and gala dinner:
   a) Radio NZ
   b) NZ Herald
   c) Stuff
   d) Newshub
   e) One News
   f) Māori TV
   g) Te Karere
   h) Waatea News
i) Pacific Media Network
j) Tagata Pasifika
List of Judges who are attending the ceremony

- Sose Annandale
- Dr Wendy Kofoed
- Linley Myers
- Kate Shevland
- Wendy Lee
- Louise Anaru-Tangira
- Dr Mere Berryman ONZM
- George Ihimaera

Not at the ceremony:

- Professor Graham Smith
- Helen May

Proactive Release

9. We recommend that this report is not proactively released at this time because this report contains sensitive details relating to event security and the Prime Minister's attendance, and contains information detailed information about the awardees.