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Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education
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**Re: Proposal to Combine St Paul's School (MOE No. 3541) &
Our Lady of Fatima School (MOE No. 3460)**

Dear Minister Parata

I write regarding our agreement in principle to reorganise Catholic primary schooling within the Catholic parish of Mairehau to provide a new state integrated full primary school entity (to be named St Francis of Assisi Catholic School), with a maximum roll of 495 students, situated on the St Francis of Assisi Parish site at 370 Innes Road (commencing in term 1, 2016).

I have undertaken a second round of consultation on three options for developing this Catholic schooling provision. This second round of consultation was limited to the affected parties - the staff (the employees) and the boards (the employers) of the two schools.

The independent facilitator's report on this consultation is enclosed.

I have given serious consideration to the consultation responses. The results of my considerations and deliberations on the feedback I have received to my proposal are enclosed.

I would now like to undertake a third and final consultation with the boards and staff of the two schools and am seeking your support for it. I acknowledge that this will extend this process, but I make this request out of my desire to ensure the affected parties are given every opportunity to provide me with their view as this process unfolds.

I look forward to your reply and I thank you for considering my revised consultation proposal.

Yours sincerely

† Barry Jones
Bishop of Christchurch

Encl. 1 (Executive Summary & Revised Third and Final Consultation Proposal)
Encl. 2 (Independent Facilitator's Consultation Report)