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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

Thank you for your response (copy enclosed) to my letter of 25 March 2013 regarding my proposal to reorganise Catholic primary schooling within the Catholic parish of Mairehau.

In particular I thank you for your agreement in principle to increased provision of state integrated schooling on the current Our Lady of Fatima School site at 370 Innes Road; i.e. the provision of a new state integrated full primary school entity (to be named St Francis of Assisi Catholic School) with a maximum roll of 495 students at the 370 Innes Road site.

I understand that each of the three options for staffing this new state integrated school entity would require different legislative processes and requirements to be completed to realise such an increased provision of state integrated schooling on the current Our Lady of Fatima School site.

Before I undertake the next round of consultation on the three options for staffing the increased and new schooling provision, might I clarify one point:

Are you in agreement with my next round of consultation being limited to the affected parties only, i.e. for this further round of consultation to be limited to the staff and to the Boards of Trustees of St Paul's School and Our Lady of Fatima School?

I look forward to your reply and I thank you for considering my question of clarification.

Yours faithfully

+ Barry Jones
Bishop of Christchurch

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