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Tēnā koe Bishop Jones

Thank you for your letter requesting the cancellation of the integration agreements for St Paul's School and Our Lady of Fatima School and subsequent closure of the schools.

After considering all the information provided to me, including feedback from the consultation carried out by the Ministry, I am satisfied that the integration agreements for St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima Schools, Christchurch should be cancelled by mutual agreement, as provided for in section 11C of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975. The cancellation of the integration agreements will be gazetted shortly, to take effect from 27 January 2016.

Enclosed are Deeds of Agreement to Cancel the Integration Agreement for St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima Schools, Christchurch which I have signed. Please sign and return the duplicate of each Deed of Agreement to Katrina Casey, Deputy Secretary, PO Box 1666, Wellington.

Although you requested the cancellation of the integration agreements of the schools, I realise that this has been a challenging process for you and your community. I have written to the Chairperson of each Board, thanking Board members for their service and acknowledging that both past and present trustees and staff have given significant time and effort to the education of the children in these schools.

I understand that you are planning to establish and integrate a new school to be located on the current Our Lady of Fatima School site, and that if approved this would become operational from Term 1, 2016. You are now welcome to submit your application for this school to me for consideration.

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Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

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