



11 February 2010

Karen Sewell
Secretary for Education
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Dear Karen

NZSTA LETTER TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF 1 FEBRUARY 2010

I am writing to advise you that NZSTA wrote to the Minister of Education on 1 February 2010 identifying the potential risks in what is looking like a potentially very difficult year. I have attached a copy of the letter for your information, together the list of issues which NZSTA believes could impact on the Association's ability to deliver services to boards/trustees over the next 12-18 months.

We had also requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss the issues raised in the letter in the expectation that the Minister would have read the letter (which was couriered to the Ministers office 3 days earlier) prior to the meeting date. We also expected that you would have been invited to attend the meeting. As it happened, the Minister had not read the letter by the time of the meeting, and consequently we can only assume that the MDE was unaware of the meeting at the time.

I want to assure you that we also see the issues raised in the letter as being matters that require dialogue with you and perhaps your senior staff, as we try to ensure that we are all well prepared for the difficult year ahead.

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Kind regards


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