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Tēnā koutou katoa

APIS is sharing its response to the **Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together** report to all its stakeholders as a way of engaging with our Proprietors and Schools. Our submission has focused on the potential challenges for integrated schools if changes are implemented. We note the lack of detail relating to integrated schools and we raise the the failure to consult with the sector which led to some misrepresentation of integrated schools that came from not understanding the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act or the subsumed Part 33 of the Education Act 1989.

We understand that APIS represents a wide spectrum of views within our sector. There may be areas of interest that you want to comment on further and we encourage you to make a submission within the timeframe available. Our brief was to focus on the impact of the proposed changes in integrated schools. APIS accepts that the aspirations of the review to raise achievement and improve equity are good aspirations but the draft report has failed to find the link between the administration shifts and the desired outcomes.

APIS also acknowledges that change is part of the world we live in. This submission accepts that there are recommendations that can make a difference and we support them. The focus on improved funding which gets to the child, the importance of creating leadership support, the additional learning support recommendations, the establishment of the equity index.

We look forward to your participation in the process of preparing a response to the report and thank those who have been active in leading the discussion within schools about this important change.

Ngā mihi

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