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Tēnā koe Mr Taylor

I am pleased to announce my decision on the future of primary schooling in the South Miramar / Strathmore Park area of Wellington. My decision was made after considering feedback from both boards of trustees and the community consultation that has been undertaken, as well as reports provided to me by the Ministry of Education.

Miramar South School and Strathmore Community School will be merged as a year 1-8 full primary on the Strathmore Community School site. Strathmore Community School will be the continuing school, and the new school will be governed by an appointed board.

The establishment board will be appointed from the start of term 2 2012, which will allow it the remainder of that year to undertake the planning for the merged school. Implementation of the merger will be on 27 January 2013 so that potential disruption to the children's education is limited.

This is an exciting new phase for the provision of education in your community. I would like to thank you for the co-operation of your board during this time, and the work that has been undertaken to ensure that consultation with your school community was thorough and representative of the needs of your students and their families.

I am aware that the initial period of transition may be difficult at times. Working together, and alongside the Ministry of Education and other support agencies such as the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association, will provide the necessary certainty and sustainability that will ensure a high quality of education provision into the future.

I am confident that the newly merged school will reflect the evident passion that your school community and staff have for the education of your children and that this will continue to strengthen in the future.

Heoi anō

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Hekia Parata'.

Hon Hekia Parata  
Minister of Education