

# Future of Education

## Public meeting

As an MP, I care deeply about our local schools being the best they can be.

National is holding over 40 public meetings throughout New Zealand to listen to parents' and teachers' views on issues in education. The meetings will have a particular focus on the Tomorrow's Schools proposals. The proposals represent the largest education reforms in over thirty years. We want to ensure that the 19,000 trustees on boards and hundreds of thousands of parents have a good understanding of the proposals and the opportunity to be heard. At the meetings we'll be providing factual information about the proposals as well as seeking feedback.

Proposals by the taskforce include changes to governance, learning support, and enrolment schemes.

National has expressed serious concerns about the creation of approximately 20 new Crown entities called Education Hubs, which would transfer responsibilities from parents to officials and potentially disempower parents. However, we do agree with the taskforce that there's a need to improve governance and collaboration in our education system and there are some positive aspects of the report in areas like learning support.

This is a once in a generation chance to make significant changes to our education system.

The meetings will be held in most major town centres from Kerikeri to Stewart Island. National looks forward to engaging with communities around New Zealand on the proposals. Once the meetings are complete we'll provide a summary of the feedback received to the taskforce.

Ian McKelvie will be holding a meeting with Hon Nikki Kaye, National's Spokesperson for Education, in Feilding as follows:

**What:** Future of Education – public meeting  
**When:** Tuesday 26 March, 5.30pm  
**Where:** Feilding High School, 1 Churcher Street, Feilding

We expect the meeting will run for about an hour with some small presentations, followed by the opportunity for you to ask questions of the MPs.

***Children are welcome to attend***