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Tēnā koe Mr Clifton,

I have been informed by the Chief Review Officer that Matakana School has recently been reviewed by the Education Review Office and that the review report has been confirmed with the decision that ERO will next review the school in four to five years. He has sent me a copy of that report for my information.

I am aware that the criteria leading to this decision by ERO are demanding. I congratulate all involved for the work you are doing to ensure your school is providing a high quality of education for its learners.

This must be very encouraging for you and I commend you, your Board and the Principal, Darrel Goosen, for the leadership you have all shown, and the staff for their focus on learner achievement. In particular, I note the positive impact the school is having responding to children whose learning and achievement need acceleration. I enjoyed reading in the report that digital programmes are integrated into everyday programmes, and that classrooms have been refurbished to reflect progressive educational ideas.

Thank you for the important contribution Matakana School is making to the education of New Zealand's young people.

I have included a copy of this letter for Mr Goosen.

Heoi anō

Hon Nikki Kaye
Minister of Education

CC: **Mr Darrel Goosen**
Principal, Matakana School