

Education policies – we asked, they answered

PPTA News asked political parties how they would respond to the big issues in education as part of a government.

This table contains PPTA's summaries of longer answers provided by each party. Extended responses are available the Focus on education in the general election 2017 section of the PPTA website, ppta.org.nz/focus

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| Real community engagement? | Believes it's happening now | Yes | Yes | Yes | Not really | Yes | Unclear | Yes |
| Review Tomorrow's Schools? | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No policy on this | Yes | No | Yes |
| Close charter schools? | No | Abolish model, schools close or integrate | Yes | Abolish model, integrate charters | Will review | Integrate charters | No | No |
| Schools as community hubs | Some pilots of this approach | Yes | Unsure | "Yes | No policy on this | Up to regions, not govt | Yes | If communities want it |
| Decrease class sizes | No | Yes (over time) | No commitment but 'will work with the sector' | Yes | Unclear | No | Possibly, through bulk funding | Yes |
| Real increases in per-student funding? | Believes it's happening now | Yes | Yes, probably | Yes | Yes, with a caveat | No | Unclear | Yes |
| Increase funding for students with greatest need? | Unclear, but will use 'social investment' approach | Yes | Yes, probably | Unclear. Wants strong universal provision first | Yes | Up to regions, not govt | Open to it | Yes |
| Real increases to secondary teacher salaries? | Believes it's already happening | A matter for bargaining, not policy | Happy to talk with sector about it | Yes | Yes (where necessary?!) | Yes, over time | Possibly, through bulk funding and site-agreements with performance pay | Will support discussions |
| Access to professional learning and development for all teachers? | Maybe | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | PLD should be "cashed up" | Yes |
| Reduce unproductive workload? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Not in terms of assessment | Yes |