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Tēnā koe Minister

### **TEACHING COUNCIL FEES**

We appreciate this letter will reach you at an incredibly testing time for Government and indeed all New Zealanders.

We want to propose a joint solution to you concerning the proposed increase to Teaching Council fees, so teachers can turn their focus to home-based teaching and learning.

We propose that:

- There be a 12 month moratorium on any increase to Teaching Council fees (apart from an inflation indexed increase) in recognition of the current Covid-19 disruptions and the short consultation period provided by the Teaching Council.
- That the Government provide interim funding to the Council to cover this period.
- That within the 12 months an extended consultation is undertaken with the sector on any further increases and the reasons for them.
- That the consultation includes discussion on more moderate increases over a longer period of time.
- The proposals should also include recognition of the circumstances of low paid teachers, especially in early childhood, those on unpaid leave, beginner teachers and relievers.
- That teachers are able to pay fees annually.
- That the government provide funding to the Council for increased conduct and competency cases until new efficiencies and reporting thresholds are implemented.
- That the Leadership Centre and other proposed PLD functions of the Council be centrally funded by Government.

Like you, we share an interest in arriving at a joint solution to this important matter.

Yours sincerely



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