MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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Briefing Note: Update on creating safe, inclusive schools – targeted and intensive supports for Māori & Pacific learners at risk of disengaging

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Purpose of Report

This paper provides updated information about one component of the *Creating Safe, Inclusive Schools – Targeted and Intensive Supports for Māori and Pacific Learners at Risk of Disengaging* in the proposed Vote Education Budget 2022 package.

Agree that a copy of this Briefing Note is provided to your colleagues Hon Kelvin Davis, Hon Aupito William Sio, and Hon Jan Tinetti.

Agree / Disagree

Agree that this Briefing will not be proactively released at this time as it contains Budget sensitive information

Agree / Disagree

Summary

1. The updated information in this report relates to the*Check & Connect, Te Hononga component of the Creating Safe, Inclusive Schools – Targeted and Intensive Supports for Māori and Pacific Learners at Risk of Disengaging* initiative.

2. The Check & Connect, Te Hononga component of the initiative will provide access to the 2-year mentoring support programme.

3. Check & Connect, Te Hononga, uses trained mentors to monitor attendance, achievement, and pastoral data to support problem solving, build skills, and enhance learner engagement for Māori and Pacific students in years 8-11.

4. Previously we have advised that up to 800 ākonga would access the programme over four years and we would employee 40 mentors.

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5. We recently discovered a calculation error arising from summing the number of students and mentors in the programme over four years, rather than number of students particpating each year in a two year programme.

6. The updated information also reflects our latest information on the number of ākonga expected to be supported by the 10 FTE mentors. The previous estimate of 20 mentees for each mentor FTE is at the top end, where 15 per ākonga per mentor FTE is a closer reflection of actual practice.

7. These changes do not effect the value of the bid.

8. The table below provides the updated information.

Check & Connect, Te Hononga	**2022/23**	**2023/24**	**2024/25**	**2025/26**	**Total**
Original calculation: Māori and Pacific learners /mentors	200 learners 10 mentors	200 learners 10 mentors	200 learners 10 mentors	200 learners 10 mentors	800 learners 40 mentors
Update: Māori and Pacific learners	**150-200 learners 10 FTE mentors**		**150-200 learners 10 FTE mentors**		**300 – 400 learners 10 FTE mentors**

9. We are in the process of updating budget material to reflect the correct number of mentors and ākonga which will be supported. But these higher figures may have been included in the budget tables presented to Cabinet.

Te Mana Tikitiki

10. There is no change to this component of the *Creating safe, inclusive schools – targeted and intensive supports for Māori & Pacific learners at risk of disengaging* initiative.

11. Te Mana Tikitiki supports Māori learners in years 4-8 experiencing behavioural and wellbeing challenges. Trained facilitators use tikanga and te reo Māori to build mana, self-confidence, improve learning and achievement.

12. Te Mana Tikitiki will deliver 96 Te Mana Tikitiki programmes across 48 schools to 1056 students over four years.

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Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

11/04/2022

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