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Tēnā koe Mr Munro

I am writing to congratulate Henderson High School on the improvement in NCEA achievement over the last two years. I'm sure you are as pleased as I am that this is the second year that I have been able to write to your school to acknowledge this significant result.

This result is a direct reflection of the quality work done by the Board of Trustees, school staff and families and whānau, who all contribute to and support the success of your students.

It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the success of our students and our education professionals. The Government is highly aspirational for our children and young people. We understand their potential and resourcefulness, and we understand the vast range of possibilities that a good education can give them. NCEA Level 2 is a key milestone in students' education, and the passport to success in further study and employment.

The NZQA provisional results show you have significant improvement in NCEA levels 1, 2, and 3 over the past two years. And that this significant improvement has also occurred in your Māori and Pasifika students' achievement. I also note that your overall achievement levels were above the New Zealand average for 2014. These results speak volumes about the hard work being done by your school, its teachers, the Board, and the students and their families and whānau to achieve this success.

We want all our students to get the best possible education. The results being achieved by Henderson High School are a clear and valuable example of the positive impact that great teachers and great schools can have on the achievement of their students.

Thank you to you and your colleagues. The work you do makes a real difference - delivering high quality teaching, leadership, and learning that develops the resourcefulness, resilience, and capability of our youngest New Zealanders.

Heoi anō

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cc Mr Michael Purcell, Principal, Henderson High School