



Primary Principal Strike Action

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Primary school principals across the country have voted to reject the government's offer for settlement of their negotiations. The government failed to make an offer that addresses their key issues. They are concerned that little is being done to ensure that being a primary school principal is seen as an attractive career option.

While principals are really happy that their teachers won back parity with their secondary colleagues, the same wasn't offered to primary principals. The principals and boards of trustees think that if parity with secondary is fair for teachers, then surely it's fair for principals.

The offer also would have seen some principals in smaller schools paid less than some teachers in larger schools. It's important that all communities are able to attract teachers into becoming principals, and that won't happen if they can earn more as a teacher.

As a sign of the concern primary principals have voted to withdraw the goodwill they extend to the Ministry of Education work that is additional to their day to day role running schools.

With the support of the Clive School Board of Trustees, Brian Eales (Clive School Principal) will not be participating in any form of work programme, taskforce, meeting with or reporting to the Ministry between July 8 and August 16. He will however continue his professional leadership of the school during that time.

Principals continue to hope that the government will hear them and address their issues. They are committed to continuing their campaign until they do.

The board is grateful for the support that the Clive School community has shown and continue to show throughout the campaign.

The School Board of Trustees