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Tēnā koutou,

To the whānau and community of Papakura Intermediate,

Recent government legislation has removed the requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi from the Education and Training Act 2020. This change does not align with our values of Rangatiratanga, Whanaungatanga and Kaitiakitanga or our commitment to honouring Te Tiriti.

Schools in New Zealand are self-governing through school boards. This allows schools to make some decisions independent of government policy, or in this case the removal of requirements/mandates. Therefore, on behalf of the Papakura Intermediate Board of Trustees and as Principal, we affirm our unwavering commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We wish to assure our community that Papakura Intermediate will continue to give full effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all that we do.

Our stance is not a political one. It stems from our deep commitment to our community and our educational responsibility to every student and whānau we serve at Papakura Intermediate. This commitment is the very foundation of our strategic plan, therefore it will remain the non-negotiable cornerstone of our governance, leadership, and everyday practice.

While government policy and direction may shift, our current strategic plan affirms our commitment to Te Tiriti, and this plan remains in effect. We intend for this commitment to continue well beyond our current strategic plan cycle.

Thank you for your ongoing support in trusting us to do what is right for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amber Tupaea (Tumuaki) and Callum Scott (Presiding Member)
on behalf of the Papakura Intermediate Board of Trustees

