

Attention all Principals

You may be aware of recent announcements from the Minister of Education regarding changes in the way professional learning and development will be delivered to schools in New Zealand. You also should have received a letter from the Secretary of Education, Karen Sewell, which outlines these changes. The message below describes the service Accent Learning will provide to schools in the greater Wellington region for the remainder of 2010 and into the future.

Please note:

- Accent Learning is committed to providing schools with high quality needs-based professional learning and development support now and in the future
- For the remainder of 2010 the focus and level of our work remains unchanged
- The focus and level of our work for 2011 will be similar
- The Ministry of Education will begin phasing in contestable contracts to replace all centrally-held contracts. Accent will tender for this work.

The first part of the School Support contract to become contestable is Leadership and Management. This has been a significant aspect of our contract for many years and, although as yet we have little information about the shape of this work for 2011, we will seek to retain much of it. We will keep you up to date as we receive new information.

We would like to thank you for the support our advisers receive when they are in your schools. We remain available to meet your needs for high quality professional development.

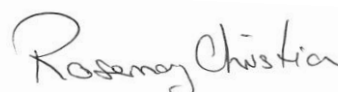
Warm regards

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