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## **Replacement of Two Storey Block**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are very excited to let you know that the Minister of Education, Hekia Parata, has just announced funding of \$8 million to replace our two storey block including the library at Northland School. The funding also provides for an additional two classrooms as our roll has grown over the last few years.

Our community, together with the ministry, has worked hard to understand how the new building can best enable our vision for teaching and learning. Further investigations, including into site constraints, costs involved in relocating students during construction, and ongoing weathertightness issues, resulted in a decision by the ministry to replace the current building.

The Northland School Board and the Ministry of Education will work closely together throughout the project. Construction is planned to commence towards the middle of 2018.

Over the last three years a group of enthusiastic and dedicated parents has led our new playground initiative. This group has been hugely successful in working on a playground vision and raising a substantial amount of funds in a very short period of time for something very special to replace our old tired but much-loved adventure playground. Now that we know that there is a definite decision to build rather than renovate, this group will be able to work alongside the appointed architects to develop a new playground that will suit the school layout and the needs of Northland School students

The Board of Trustees thanks the community for its ongoing support. We will continue to ensure that we keep you up to date with developments as the project proceeds.

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**Geoff Davenport**

Chairperson Northland School Board of Trustees