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Dear Denise

Thank you for your request of 19 August 2019, for the following information:

- *All documentation related to the implementation of the Limited Statutory Manager in 2013 and removal of the Limited Statutory Manager at Pukemiro School in 2016*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The majority of schools operate successfully, but a small number develop difficulties or have unanticipated events that they cannot resolve without outside help. We always support schools to resolve problems themselves and only intervene as a last resort when there is risk present at the school that cannot be addressed in any other way. Where we do step in, an intervention aims to bring expertise and a fresh perspective. It also acts as a circuit breaker so that the focus of the school can go back on teaching and learning.

On 21 March 2019, we received a letter of resignation from the School's Board of Trustees, effective upon the appointment of a Commissioner. This role was filled by Brad Totorewa in April 2019, to stabilise school operations and work with the community to address the impacts of a decreasing roll. We are awaiting the outcome of the Commissioner's review, and we have been in close contact with school leaders while they determine the next best steps for the School.

Your request

We have interpreted your request as being for documentation prepared by the Ministry of Education that either recommends the appointment or removal of the School's Limited Statutory Manager (LSM).

There are three documents within scope of your request:

- *Request to Appoint a Limited Statutory Manager for the Pukemiro School Board of Trustees (1095), 13 December 2013*
- *Appoint a Limited Statutory Manager for the Pukemiro School Board of Trustees, 16 December 2013; and*
- *Request to Revoke the Notice of Direction to Appoint a Limited Statutory Manager under Section 78M of the Education Act 1989 for the Pukemiro Primary School Board of Trustees (1905), 19 April 2016.*

I am releasing these to you as **documents 1, 2 and 3** respectively. I have redacted the following information under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to maintain the privacy of natural persons:

- The name of the unsuccessful LSM appointee from **document 2, appendix 2.**
- The name of the schools the unsuccessful LSM appointee was involved with from **document 2, appendix 2.**

- The home address of the School's previous LSM from **document 2**.
- The hourly rate of the appointed LSM from **document 2**.
- Personal details of former Ministry employees from **document 2**.

The documents refer to the School's engagement with Student Achievement Function (SAF) practitioners. These are specialist Ministry staff whose role is to assist schools to raise student achievement and improve capability in key areas through an intensive programme to address urgent needs. More information about the role of SAF practitioners, the expected outcomes, and the conditions for successful delivery can be found by entering the text "SAF" into the search box on our website *Te Kete Iupurangi*, at <http://tki.org.nz>.

Thank you again for your request. Under section 28(3), you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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cc Paula Rawiri, **Director of Education, Waikato**