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# **To Government: Back education that works for all tamariki**

## **What we are asking:**

**As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:**

### **Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom**

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

### **Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure**

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

### **Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education**

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

### **Defend quality early childhood education**

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

## **Why we are asking for this:**

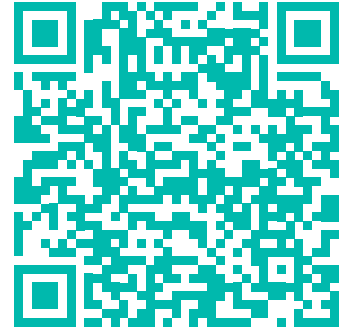
All tamariki deserve an education where they can learn, feel included and access learning support when they need it. However, the Government is taking public education in the wrong direction and tamariki are being left behind.

Schools, kindergartens, and early childhood centres have faced cuts to school lunches, te reo Māori programmes, beginning teacher pay, and literacy and te reo jobs. Some schools have to fundraise to help pay for teacher aides, whose support in the classroom is invaluable for all students. Many tamariki sit on learning support waitlists for months due to inadequate learning support staffing.

Attacks on quality early childhood education and scrapping of pay equity claims for our lowest paid in education make it clear the Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

Primary and early childhood education teachers, learning support workers, principals and support staff, kohanga reo, wharekura and whānau are coming together to seek a new dawn in education.

**Join us in demanding  
better for our tamariki!  
Kimi Haeata.  
Back Our Future!**



HAINATIA TE PETIHANA

# Ki te Kāwanatanga: Ko te mātauranga anamata, ko 'Kimi Haeata', puritia!

## He aha te ia ō te pātai?

Ko 'Kimi Haeata' tēnei e karanga atu nei ki te Kāwanatanga, tautokotia. Nā reira:

## Me whai kaiāwhina kaiako ia akomanga

Whakawātea he wāhanga o te tahua pūtea 2026 hei utu kaiāwhina tautoko mō tēnā akomanga, mō tēnā akomanga.

## Wāriutia ngā kaiwhakaako, ā, me whakaū ō mātou tūranga mahi

Whakamaneatia ēnei kaiwhakaako matatau kia tau ai. Mā te whakarauora i te mana taurite me te utu e tika ana.

## Whakamanahia te Tiriti o Waitangi i te ao mātauranga

He tāonga te reo Māori, whakamanahia. Whakahoki mai te pūtea ako i te reo mō ngā mātanga kaiwhakaako.

## Whakangunguhia te kounga o te akoranga kōhungahunga

Kia āheitia te taumata mātauranga kōhungahunga e taea ai te whānau te kuhu ā utu, ā ahurea, ā ako. Puritia tonutia ki te taumata teitei o te tohu 100%, te utu ōrite ki tā ngā kaiako o taumata kē atu. Whakatikahia!

## Nā te aha e pātai pēnei ai:

Kei te tamaiti te anamata o te mātauranga ki te ako, tautokohia. Kua hē te haere ā te Kāwanatanga nei, ko ngā mokopuna te utu.

Kua poroa te pūtea tunu kai, ngā hōtaka Māori, oti rā ngā utu o te kaiwhakaako hou, kaiwhakaako reo matatini, reo Māori anō hoki ki ngā kura. Ka riro mā te kura te pūtea e whakaemiemi kia āhei te kaiāwhina tautoko me ōna rawa ki te tauawhi tamariki. Nā te kore kaimahi umanga mātauranga, tokomaha ngā tamariki e tatari tonu ana.

E kore te Kāwanatanga e mārama ana ki te wāriu o te tangata e matatau ana ki te mātauranga, heoi oti ki te āo ako o te tamaiti, ka puta ko ēnei whakawhiu, ka tauria te whare kōhungahunga, i whakakorehia ngā kerēme mana taurite mō te hunga rawakore.

Ko te huihuinga ā te whānau me te ao mātauranga ā Te Riu Roa e haere ake nei, ki te rapu i te haeata e kimi nei tātou.

**Nau mai haere mai,  
whakapiri mai,  
ko ngā tamariki te take.  
Kimi Haeata!**