

**Education Report: Addendum to the Education Report –  
Consideration of Closure of Shirley  
Intermediate School (3503)**

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**Recommended Actions**

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We recommend that you:

- a. **note** the information provided about Shirley Intermediate School and the degree of change to schooling in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster;
- b. **agree** that recommendations c and d in Education report 741954 regarding the proposal for the closure of Shirley Intermediate School be replaced with a recommendation to retain the school; and

  
AGREE / DISAGREE

- c. **note** if you decide to retain the school, you should indicate this in the Education report 741954.

  
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Regional Operations

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Minister of Education

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## Purpose of Report

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1. This report provides additional information to the report *Consideration of Closure of Shirley Intermediate School (3503)*. In particular it gives details of the changes that are to be made to the Community Cluster which should be taken into consideration when you make a decision about the future of Shirley Intermediate School.

## Background

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2. On 13 September 2012, you announced the proposed closure of Shirley Intermediate School. This was made as part of a number of proposed changes to education provision in greater Christchurch. On 28 September 2012 you initiated formal consultation on the proposal to close the school.
3. This proposal was made based on the overall situation in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster of schools, where all schools are operating below roll capacity. The buildings at Shirley Intermediate School require approximately \$4.5 million of work to remediate and strengthen. The area has suffered considerable impact from the earthquakes.
4. In September 2012 the Shirley Learning Community Cluster consisted of four contributing primary schools and Shirley Intermediate School.

### Rolls of schools in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster (July)

School	Year levels	Roll 2008	Roll 2010	Roll 2012
Banks Avenue School	1-6	604	588	394
Hammersley Park School	1-6	116	95	49
Richmond School	1-6	104	69	49
Shirley Primary School	1-6	250	238	256
Shirley Intermediate School	7-8	313	309	227

5. Schools in the Shirley Learning Community Cluster have been some of the most affected by damage in the earthquakes and subsequent people movement. This is shown by the following:
  - In March 2010, almost 20% of the primary aged population of the Shirley Cluster lived on land now classified as being in the red zone.
  - Total rolls of the five state schools in the cluster fell by about 30% between July 2010 and July 2012.

This change has resulted in there being an oversupply of primary schools in the cluster.

6. The proposals for the schools in the cluster have responded to this people movement and land damage and affect all schools. The proposals are:

School	Proposal / Decision
Banks Avenue School	Proposed recapitation and relocation
Hammersley Park School	Closed 27 January 2013
Richmond School	Proposed to close
Shirley Primary School	Proposed to recapitate
Shirley Intermediate School	Proposed to close

7. Since September 2012 there have been a number of developments:
- a. The Ministry has received the geotechnical reports about the nearby Shirley Boys' High School and Avonside Girls' High School sites. These confirm that the land at Shirley Boys' High School is prone to liquefaction and lateral spread, and that it would be more cost-effective to rebuild the school on another site than its current site. A briefing on this is being prepared for you.
  - b. The Ministry has prioritised property work for any new site for Banks Avenue School, so that it can be ready for use in 2015.
  - c. Hammersley Park School has closed.
  - d. The Ministry's recommendation for Richmond School is that it should be closed.

### Ministry Comment

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8. Given the extent of the changes to schooling in this Learning Community Cluster, there is a case for the retention of Shirley Intermediate School since this will bring some stability to the schooling network in this area and some certainty to local families.
9. The costs of remediation to the Shirley Intermediate School buildings are relatively high, but not entirely out of line with spending elsewhere.
10. Retaining Shirley Intermediate School in the network would mean that Shirley Primary School would no longer be proposed for recapitation. This would support the submission from the Board of Shirley Primary School which did not support the proposal it become Year 1-8.