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Newsletter

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Local High School Report

The Education Select Committee heard our presentation for a local high school in April. The Select Committee recommended a review of secondary school requirements in North East Christchurch, including consultation with the community to ensure adequate schooling provision is available for the area.

NESE Committee members are pleased with this recommendation. We now await the Minister of Education, Anne Tolley's decision. Under Parliamentary rules she is allowed until 2 September 2010 to make a decision. We had hoped she would make her decision quickly. However, the delays have had some advantages. In the meantime the Government has announced its intention to proceed with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contracts for building and maintaining new school property. In these difficult economic times this is a good viable option for building our local high school.

We plan to hold a public meeting after Anne Tolley has made her announcement, when we have something definite to tell you.

Meanwhile steady forward progress continues on all other areas. We have been negotiating possibilities with influential members of the community. We have

established a good working relationship with the Ministry of Education. Media interest has increased. The community papers have been helpful running stories to keep people up to date. The Press has taken an interest recently bringing the issue to the wider Christchurch audience.

A local high school will give our community heart and focus. The potential benefits for the whole community are exciting.

Local Body Elections

You and your friends can help us by voting in the local body elections this year. We're asking all candidates to say whether or not they support a local high school and to make a statement about how they will assist us towards a local high school. If you speak to any of the candidates please ask them about a local high school.

In September we will let you know which candidates have committed to help us and we will provide you with their statements.

We want to encourage you and your friends to consider the local high school project when you vote. We'd like to have people on the Christchurch City Council and Burwood Pegasus Community Board who will promote and fast track a local high school.



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NESE's Achievements and Goals

This year has seen significant progress towards a local high school for North East Christchurch.

NESE's achievements so far include:

- Successful presentation to the Education and Science Select Committee on 21 April 2010.
- Setting up small groups to work on promotion & fundraising.
- Initiating wheelie bin and fence sign advertising to increase our profile.
- Registering as a charitable organisation.

NESE's goals include:

- Holding a Public Meeting
- Receiving approval to proceed with a local high school.

Thanks


This email newsletter is received by 1100 homes and supporters.

The NESE Committee would like to acknowledge the thousands of voluntary hours contributed to this project so far by Committee members and other helpers who have assisted in many ways.

We are inspired by your support. Your ongoing encouragement strengthens our efforts knowing we act on behalf of you and your families.

NESE Facts

NESE is now a registered Charitable Organisation. A tax deductible receipt will be issued for all donations over \$5.00.



Fence Signs and Wheelie Bin Stickers

We received a grant from the Eureka Trust for signs to promote NESE. We are looking for prominent local places to display fence signs. If you can support us by having a NESE sign on your fence please contact nese.admin@clear.net.nz

We also have a limited number of wheelie Bin stickers. If you put out your green wheelie bin most weeks and would like one of our stickers on your wheelie bin please contact us at nese.admin@clear.net.nz



Land for a school?

We're often asked where the school will be. Despite anything you might have heard no land site has yet been designated. Three sites were suggested in the proposal to build a new high school but other land in private ownership is also a possibility.

Spread the News

- Do you know someone interested in receiving this newsletter? Please pass on this one and ask them to subscribe to our mailing list.
- If you are involved with a local community group please keep them informed about our progress.
- www.nese.org.nz Our website is a good source of official information.

NESE's next newsletter will be in September

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