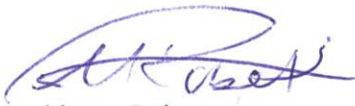






15. For that reason, I intend to expand access to physical schooling to year 11 to 13 students, but only where this is strictly required for their health, wellbeing or education.
16. Based on the numbers of students currently attending school physically in Auckland, I expect the numbers of students at years 11 to 13 attending to be low.
17. We are already asking these schools to take steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 with their year 9 and 10 students, and I expect that these same protections will extend to year 11 to 13 students who attend.
18. I will be asking the Ministries of Health and Education to work together closely to ensure that only students who need to attend school physically do so, and that schools are evidencing appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
19. This might include only extending this opportunity to schools in some parts of Auckland, where active clusters make schools opening to more students inappropriate.



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