



## Community Conversation Series 1

# Review of Special Education

**Is your child in the education system?  
If so then this meeting will be of interest to you. The current review  
of Special Education will affect every child with a disability who  
attends school regardless if they attend a mainstream or special  
school.**

**The options being considered in this Review of special education are:**

- Retaining status quo – a mix of special schools and regular schools
- Closing special schools and satellites and boost regular schools ability to educate students with disabilities.
- Modify special schools to serve as resource centres (no special schools)
- Retain the present system but withdraw requirement for MOE approval to enrol in a special school – thus popular special schools attract more students and more funding.

Attached is a copy of the Herald Article from 4 February which details these four preferred options for Special Education. The full Review of Special Education Discussion Document is available at:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/ReviewOfSpecialEducation.aspx> - submissions close on 19 March 2010.

We invite you to attend an informal meeting to hear what you have to say about the Ministry of Education Review of Special Education. Colleen Brown will address the meeting with a brief overview of the implications of the Review.

Meeting 1: **Wednesday 24 February 10am till midday**  
**Parent & Family Resource Centre**  
92A Princes Street, Onehunga  
Tea/coffee available from 9.30am, meeting starts promptly at 10am.

Or

Meeting 2: **Wednesday 24 February 7-9pm**  
**Eastgate Community Trust**  
427 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga  
Tea/coffee available from 6.30pm, meeting starts promptly at 7pm.

Speaker: Colleen Brown – Chair of PFRC

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