

Living Wage Schools Email Template

Kia ora,

I am emailing you as a [insert your connection to the school] to ask that [Insert School] consider the Living Wage Schools pledge at your next board of trustees meeting.

While the living wage (currently \$23.65 and from September \$26.00 an hour) has formed a baseline for wages in the core public service and in public hospitals, our state and state-integrated primary and secondary schools are out of step with these developments. Being paid under the living wage means that workers lose precious time with their family, are unable to cover their basic necessities, or live with dignity.

The living wage schools campaign aims to change this reality by securing funding from the central government for schools so that they can pay their direct or contracted cleaners, caretakers, canteen staff, or grounds keepers the living wage. This ensures that schools are not burdened with the financial cost of guaranteeing the living wage, given the underfunded reality of education.

Our simple request is for [insert] to support the living wage pledge by passing a resolution at a board of trustees meeting. This will serve to signify your school's endorsement of the concept of the central government providing both initial and ongoing funding to achieve a living wage for CCCG workers

The Living Wage Pledge PDF is attached, along with an FAQ and a summary resource outlining the campaign.

Please inform me if this item is included in the agenda and provide the date and time of the meeting for which it is intended.

Ngā mihi,

[Insert Name]



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