

Education policies – we asked, they answered

PPTA News asked political parties how they would respond to the big issues in education as part of a government.

This table contains PPTA’s summaries of longer answers provided by each party. Extended responses are available the Focus on education in the general election 2017 section of the PPTA website, ppta.org.nz/focus

			
Real community engagement?	Believes it's happening now	Yes	Yes
Review Tomorrow's Schools?	No	Yes	Yes
Close charter schools?	No	Abolish model, schools close or integrate	Yes
Schools as community hubs	Some pilots of this approach	Yes	Unsure
Decrease class sizes	No	Yes (over time)	No commitment but 'will work with the sector'
Real increases in per-student funding?	Believes it's happening now	Yes	Yes, probably
Increase funding for students with greatest need?	Unclear, but will use 'social investment' approach	Yes	Yes, probably
Real increases to secondary teacher salaries?	Believes it's already happening	A matter for bargaining, not policy	Happy to talk with sector about it
Access to professional learning and development for all teachers?	Maybe	Yes	Yes
Reduce unproductive workload?	Yes	Yes	Yes

				
Yes	Not really	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Yes	No policy on this	Yes	No	Yes
Abolish model, integrate charters	Will review	Integrate charters	No	No
"Yes	No policy on this	Up to regions, not govt	Yes	If communities want it
Yes	Unclear	No	Possibly, through bulk funding	Yes
Yes	Yes, with a caveat	No	Unclear	Yes
Unclear. Wants strong universal provision first	Yes	Up to regions, not govt	Open to it	Yes
Yes	Yes (where necessary?!)	Yes, over time	Possibly, through bulk funding and site-agreements with performance pay	Will support discussions
Yes	Yes	Yes	PLD should be "cashed up"	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Not in terms of assessment	Yes