

<b>To</b>	<b>Executive [Professional Committee]</b>	<b>HX20/009</b>
	<b>Te Huarahi</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Ref: Education</b>
		<b>13 February 2020</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>Anthony Neyland, Advisory Officer</b>	

**Recommendation:**

1. That the report be received.

## **PPTA Professional conference 2020 Update 3**

This paper gives a further update on the planning for the PPTA Education Conference to be held in Wellington from 22 – 24 April 2020 (HX18/072, HX19/018, HX19/060).

### **Update**

PPTA has a key role to play in shaping the future of education in Aotearoa New Zealand. The professional conference is an opportunity to show the public that we not only care deeply about the rights of teachers but are also passionate about education itself.

PPTA Education '20 is ready to go and promises to be a lively, engaging and thought-provoking gathering. Registrations are now open. People who have pre-registered have been contacted, and all PPTA members have been emailed a link to the registration page. We need to take every opportunity to promote this conference and encourage members to come. The venue is limited to 300 people.

The theme of the conference is “Advancing the dream of public education”. To help us do that we have six keynote speakers, 27 workshops, 14 research papers and a parallel Māori-medium strand running on day two. There will be plenty of opportunity for our members to talk, listen, share and challenge one another about the future of education. The majority of the workshops are run by teachers and the research papers are a mix of academics, researchers and teacher researchers.

### **Funding**

The conference is being funded by the PLD Fund negotiated as part of last year’s STCA. This means that registration will be free, and members will be able to receive a subsidy of up to \$400 for travel and accommodation. The conference is being supported by Victoria University of Wellington which is providing the venue.

### **Highlights**

- Minster Hipkins will open the conference and host the conference dinner in the Banquet Hall in Parliament Buildings.
- Pasi Sahlberg - internationally renowned Finnish educator, advisor and expert on education systems around the world.
- Rawiri Toia (Ngāpuhi) - a keen interest in Māori-medium education and an extensive knowledge of PLD design, implementation, co-ordination, and project management.
- Trivina Kang (Singapore) - oversees Singapore’s NIE leadership and professional development programmes for teachers

- Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education - her vision for education
- Tim Bell, Canterbury University - known internationally for his "Computer Science Unplugged" project.
- Helen Varney, Auckland Primary Principals' Association - expert on meeting the needs of Pacific learners
- Stephen Dobson, Dean of Education VUW - will chair the closing forum "From dream to reality"
- Māori-medium strand - Thursday
- Pub quiz - Wednesday evening (numbers limited)

## **Appendix**

Links to

Conference website

<https://confer.eventsair.com/ppta-2020/>

Conference registration page

<https://confer.eventsair.com/ppta-2020/reginvite>