

Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour



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Two ways for you to keep up-to-date with the steps to February 2012 are via this newsletter and Te Kete Ipurangi <http://rtlb.tki.org.nz/Transforming-RTLb-service>

Update

- To assist school boards in considering their interest to apply to become a lead school, draft copies of the Funding and Service Agreement and the Lead School Application document have been published on TKI.
 - Formal Lead School requirements and application documents will be published online on 5 September 2011.
 - Information about the possible amalgamation of Supplementary Learning Support into RTLb clusters is now available on TKI.
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Draft Lead School documents

From 5 September 2011, the Ministry will be seeking applications from state and state-integrated schools for the role of Lead School of their new RTLb cluster.

The draft lead school application document gives details about the services a lead school will be required to provide, the process that will be followed to select lead schools and the application process and timeline.

The Ministry and the appointed Lead School will enter in to an agreement. The draft funding and service agreement details the funding a lead school will receive and its role and responsibilities.

Download the documents at
<http://rtlb.tki.org.nz/Transforming-RTLb-service/Lead-School-Applications>

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The Minister of Education has requested that the Ministry investigate the amalgamation of the Supplementary Learning Support (SLS) service with the new RTLb structure.

The Review of Special Education identified that services are fragmented and some are difficult for schools and families to access. There are a number of similarities in the governance and management of the SLS and RTLb initiatives so amalgamation could streamline access to support.

The Minister of Education expects to be in a position early next year to provide more detail on what any changes might be.

Any changes should not reduce services for students currently receiving support. The Government is committed to improving the effectiveness and support services for students with special education needs.

The RTLb transformation work is a priority and any amalgamation with SLS will not take place until 2013. There will not be any changes to SLS in 2012.

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