

# Findings from the 2013 NZCER primary and intermediate schools national survey

## WHAT IS IT?

The NZCER primary and intermediate schools national survey was carried out in July- August 2013. We questioned principals, teachers and trustees at a representative sample of schools, and sought the views of a random sample of 1 in 4 parents in 36 of these schools. In all, the survey gathered data from 180 principals, 713 teachers, 277 trustees and 684 parents. Full details of the response rate and sampling methodology are available on the NZCER website.

[www.nzcer.org.nz/research/national-survey](http://www.nzcer.org.nz/research/national-survey)

## PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS SAY:



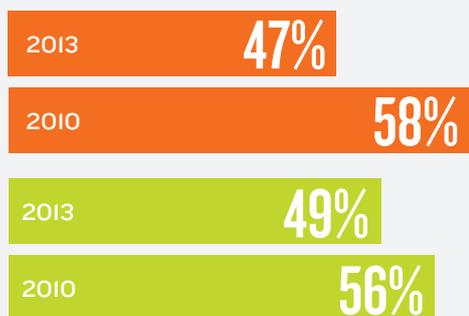
PRINCIPALS

TEACHERS

### I ENJOY MY JOB



### MY WORKLOAD IS MANAGEABLE



### MY MORALE IS HIGH OR VERY HIGH



### MY STRESS LEVELS ARE HIGH OR VERY HIGH



## WHAT I WOULD CHANGE ABOUT MY JOB (TOP FIVE)





Top five challenges facing schools (as ranked by principals)

## FUNDING



## ADEQUACY OF ICT EQUIPMENT AND INTERNET ACCESS



## E-LEARNING



## TOO MUCH IS BEING ASKED OF SCHOOLS



## PROPERTY



## PARENT DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL	MEDIAN PAYMENT	MEDIAN PAYMENT RATE
DECILE 1-2	\$25	20%
DECILE 3-4	\$50	48%
DECILE 5-6	\$50	69%
DECILE 7-8	\$72.5	65%
DECILE 9-10	\$145	80%

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONAL FUNDING MEETS OUR NEEDS

2013 11%

2010 11%

## SCHOOL HAS PROBLEMS FILLING VACANCIES

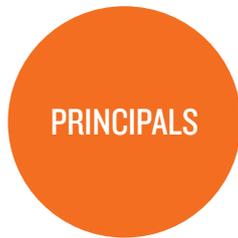
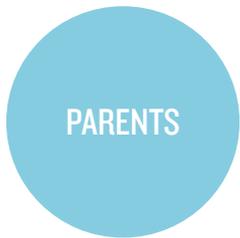
2013 29%

2010 44%

## TEACHING STAFF ENTITLEMENT IS ENOUGH TO MEET NEEDS

2013 29%

2010 48%



## CURRICULUM AND LEARNING



**38 percent** of principals and **39 percent** of teachers see the New Zealand Curriculum as a driving force in the school.



About a third (**31 percent** teachers/**34 percent** principals) say the focus on English and mathematics and statistics had taken their attention away from other aspects of the NZC.



**21 percent** of teachers say National Standards are driving the school (3 percent of principals agree)

## STUDENT WELLBEING AND BEHAVIOUR



Student behaviour causing serious disruption to teaching was an issue for **almost half** the teachers, with **13 percent** experiencing disruption frequently. **85 percent** of teachers had never felt unsafe at school, **14 percent** occasionally felt unsafe and less than **one percent** frequently felt unsafe.

Schools are changing their approach to student wellbeing. Most schools report active teaching of goal setting and problem solving, relationship and social skills, and emotional skills.

## RELATIONSHIPS



of schools compete directly with other schools for students. Figure is higher for decile 1-2 schools – 81%



of schools belong to a professional learning cluster



of schools are pooling their administrative support (10 percent in 2010)



of staff visit other schools to learn from them



of staff are involved in inter-school moderation of National Standards data (13 percent in 2010)



of schools could provide continuity of reo for students coming from kohanga.

## PARENTS AND TRUSTEES



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Most parents were able to access their school of choice – only **6 percent** said it was not their first choice. **11 percent** of Māori parents and **12 percent** of Pasifika said it was not their first choice.

**89 percent** of parents said they were happy with the quality of their child's schooling.

Parents of children in decile 1-2 schools were the most satisfied with their child's experience across a range of measures.

Parents of Year 7-8 students were less positive than parents of younger students about most of the aspects of their child's experience.

## PARENTS' TOP FIVE ISSUES



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



48%

**48 percent** of trustees had some other governance experience

49%

**49 percent** of trustees have a university degree

1-2  
HOURS

Most trustees spend **1-2 hours** a week on their role, with board chairs spending longer.

## MORE INFORMATION

The survey covers many other topics, including technology in schools, the role of boards of trustees, and teacher professional development. The full report from the survey is available for free download from our website at: [www.nzcer.org/research/national-survey](http://www.nzcer.org/research/national-survey)