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## Community Engagement on a two campus model for Belfast School

The population of the Belfast area has been growing and population projections indicate the need for additional schooling provision in the West Belfast area. The Ministry has approached the Board of Trustees of Belfast School to discuss the possibility of a new site in West Belfast being a second campus of Belfast School.

The principal and senior team have begun to gather some preliminary ideas and information about the possibility of a junior campus and a senior campus. One campus would be located on the current Belfast site, and one would be located on a new site in the West Belfast area. This would make it possible to deliver teaching and learning using structures and pedagogies (teaching approaches) targeted to the age group of students on each campus.

The Board is keen to hear feedback from the community on this option. The first phase of this engagement will involve face-to-face workshops, and will gather and explore discussion on the possibilities of a second campus of Belfast School. These are scheduled as follows:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am in the hall
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm in the hall
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm in the hall

These sessions are all open to the public, and parents or interested community members can attend any session. Similar content will be covered in all sessions, so feel free to attend whichever best suits your schedule. Childcare will be available for the morning workshop on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The ideas and themes generated through this first phase will then be used to construct an online survey that will make it possible to identify which ideas have a wider base of support. The online survey will be open from late March – early April.

### Further information

If you have any questions about the process, or would like to add your details to the contact database, contact Gabrielle Wall on 0274 790 441 or via email at [gabrielle@dandgconsulting.co.nz](mailto:gabrielle@dandgconsulting.co.nz)