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Chris Bridges
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Southern Regional Health School
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Dear Chris

Thank you for your kind invitation to join the Southern Regional Health School Board of Trustees for morning tea on 15th July to celebrate a decade of success in providing support for children and young people who are unable to attend school alongside their peers because of health reasons. Unfortunately I am going to be out of the country at that time and so I will be unable to attend. However, I would like to visit your school later in the year.

I would like you to convey to the Board, staff and others involved in the Southern Regional Health School, my congratulations for your ten years of hard work and commitment to children and young people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves out of their classrooms, away from their friends and classmates and in some cases away from their families and communities, at the very time they need the best support available. You have earned a well deserved reputation for not only supporting these children and young people through their illness, but ensuring that they remain engaged in learning, motivated to succeed and able to transition back to their school of enrolment.

As Associate Minister of Education with responsibility for special education I would also like you to convey to Kevin Smith my thanks for his work as the founding Chair of the Board and his ongoing commitment, over ten years, to lead the school from being a brand new entity starting from scratch, to being a successful, well-functioning school that is governed and managed well and highly regarded for the education it provides to sick and recuperating students across the South Island.

My best wishes for a successful celebration. I am sorry I cannot be with you.

Yours sincerely

Hon Heather Roy
Associate Minister of Education