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## MINISTRY RESPONDS TO PRINCIPALS CALL FOR LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Principals across the country are delighted that the Ministry of Education has listened to their national principals' organisation and are working on leadership support for principals.

'There is clear evidence that principals, especially in rural areas of New Zealand, are in desperate need of professional support,' said Denise Torrey, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation.'

'We are thrilled that senior Ministry staff have listened to our case and are acting on it,' she said.

A principal leadership advisor has already been appointed in the Northland region, where many principals in smaller rural communities are isolated and disconnected from collegial networks.

'Northland was a priority for us and we are delighted that the Secretary for Education responded so positively to our request. We now look forward to working with the Ministry to spread leadership support more widely,' she said.

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Why rural schools need support:

http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/71312397/rural-nz-schools-the-forgotten-group