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Charter Schools Score Exit Stamp

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"The scrapping of legislation that enabled the establishment of charter schools in New Zealand is welcomed by principals," said Whetu Cormick, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF).

Charter schools are an idea imported from the United States of America and are intended to privatise public education.

"Charter schools have no place in New Zealand's education system," said Cormick. "The former Government's efforts to establish them as part of their overall privatisation agenda, did not get the traction they intended, despite funding the schools at a considerably higher level than public schools," he said.

"We welcome the new Government's direction to support a high quality public education system and the funding freed up by abolishing charter schools will help," said Cormick.

The Amendment Bill proposing to remove the clause enabling the establishment of charter schools means the Government will not be signing any further contracts to establish charter schools in New Zealand.

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