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Dear Sir

Please accept this as a formal request to stand down Ruru Specialist School Principal Erin Cairns, and Ruru Specialist School Board of Trustees, for lying to the Ministry of Education and parents (ourselves) in order to deceive and cover up abuse of students, by way of restraint and seclusion in a barbaric room.

We are forwarding under separate email letters we were sent by the school's lawyer regarding the school's comments/corrections to the Ministry Investigation Report. We specifically refer to **Commented [BOT 69] ERO have viewed the safe area as part of their reviews since it was built.**

Please refer to the recent complaint we made regarding the ERO Report 08-08-2016. We will also forward you the response we received from Jeremy France, Deputy Chief Executive Corporate Services, ERO. We make particular reference to the response under Official Information Act request:

During the 2002, 2006, 2009, and 2016, ERO reviews of Ruru Specialist School had ERO Review Officers reviewing the school, viewed/inspected the seclusion room at Ruru Specialist School?

ERO responded: **ERO did not view/inspect the 'seclusion room' in 2002, 2006, and 2009.**

Now, ERO have made it clear that they had no information that the room was being used for seclusion.

The matter of restraint and seclusion at this school was under Police investigation when the 2016 ERO Report was released and is still currently under Police investigation. This matter extremely serious.

...the use of seclusion...in mental health settings creates significant risk for adults and children with psychiatric disabilities. These risks include serious injury or death, re-traumatizing people who have a history of trauma, loss of dignity, and other psychological harm.

Please take action immediately.

Yours sincerely

Callum and Victoria Turnbull