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To: Helen Coutts
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Hi Helen

I've attached the response and comments to the report by Terri Johnstone sent to Murray Roberts – for your information.

As you can see, the Ministry have written guidelines which have not been promulgated. However, at the March SEPAnz Executive Meeting in Wellington, Safe Areas were an item on the agenda and the Ministry has a working party addressing the use of Time Out/Safe Areas.

The Board would like to meet with your clients to discuss the next step in enabling Rovin to continue his education.

As an aside, I was coincidentally speaking with a friend of mine who is a secondary school principal with about 20 ORS (Ongoing Resourcing Scheme) funded students, with similar disabilities and needs as those students attending Ruru School – and his school is currently renovating an area intended for use by these ORS students – which includes a specifically designed Time Out/Safe Area – funded entirely by the Ministry and with their knowledge and approval. He suggests that this is a very commonly utilised strategy for the safety of these and other students – and will be contacting the Ministry in light of our (albeit confidential) general discussion.

Regards



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Dear Murray,

We have now received approval from our Lawyer to send you our BOT comments/corrections to the report.

Please find included:

1. Ruru Specialist School Board of Trustees response to 'Investigation into Complaint Ruru School Invercargill', completed by Terri Johnstone.
2. Unconfirmed ERO report March 2015
3. Behaviour Management and Health and Safety Professional Learning completed by Ruru Specialist School Staff 2010-2015.

We do wish Terri had sent us the report in draft as promised so that corrections could have been made before circulation.

Further to our discussion regarding the use of Safe Areas. The MOE has written guidelines which have not been promulgated. At the March SEPAnz Executive Meeting in Wellington Safe Areas were an item on the agenda. We now look forward to working with the Ministry as part of the working party regarding the use of Time Out/Safe Areas.

We wish to also confirm our BOT's willingness to meet with Rovin's Parents to determine a way forward so Rovin can continue his education.

We look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

Erin Cairns