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Dear Robert

Further to my letter of 13 September 2010 concerning Logan Park High School, I have now received a reply to my questions for Logan Park High School, which arose out of my meeting with you and the Board of Trustees on Wednesday 25 August. Following the Board's response I am able to conclude my report on your alleged concerns.

In finalising my report I have taken into account the information which has already been released to you under the Official Information Act, the reports of the Department of Labour and the Education Review Office. In addition, I have also met with the principal, Board of Trustees chairperson, Adrian Mair (Department of Labour) as well as yourself.

Throughout the period you wrote to the Ministry complaining of bullying at Logan Park High School the various Ministry staff have been clear in their views that they were unable to become involved in the employment related matter involving [REDACTED].

As to your other allegations concerning general bullying at Logan Park High School and the school falsifying documents to the Education Review Office, I am unable to find any evidence that substantiates your allegations or warrants further action by the Ministry. The basis of this is both the findings of the Department of Labour and the Education Review Office report as well as my discussions with the Board of Trustees.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the Department of Labour identified two Notices of Improvement, as you are aware, these have now been remediated to the satisfaction of the Department. For their part the Education Review Office relies on Boards to act in good faith when completing attestations and in their report no evidence of bullying or non performance by the Board is noted.

You will be aware that I wrote to Logan Park High School encouraging the Board to consider seeking an independent investigation into your complaint. Similarly, you will be aware that the Board has advised me that it does not intend to undertake such an investigation. This is the Board's prerogative and based on the evidence I have cited above I have no reason to pursue this matter further.

I also attach for your reference answers to the questions you sent to Pauline Cleaver.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Webb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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