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Dear Jake

Level 1 External Assessment Mathematics and Statistics

Thank you for the open letter received on Friday 1 December from 118 mathematics teachers outlining concerns about the Level 1 Mathematics and Statistics examination this year.

We do want to engage with teachers early in term one next year on the concerns raised about the Level 1 Mathematics and Statistics external assessment, and as you suggest, also discuss how best to achieve a shared understanding of the requirements of the standards.

We appreciate the very considered and professional analysis that the signatories to the letter have contributed, and the overall comment on the assessments for the three standards specifically addressed in the letter.

While we are not able to respond on the specific matters during the marking and results phase of the examination process, we will ensure that teachers' comments are fully considered in the examination development for 2018 and in the preparation of the 2017 Assessment Report.

NZQA is committed to working collaboratively with mathematics teachers and we look forward to discussing the matters outlined in the letter early in the 2018 school year.

Yours sincerely



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