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To the Hon Hekia Parata, Minister of Education,

We are writing to express our concern and dismay about the Level 1 Algebra Exam (commonly known as the MCAT), sat by my daughter last week. [Please add in your particular comments/concerns and experience of your daughter]

We ask that you launch an enquiry into the processes at NZQA that allowed this exam to be given to year 11 students and also seek your reassurance, through NZQA , that the external mathematics exams that my daughter is going to be sitting at the end of the year will be at an appropriate level. Currently, neither my daughter nor I have confidence that all the learning and studying that she has been doing this year is going to pay off, and this is causing her unnecessary stress.

Despite all the publicity in the paper and evidence provided of the exam not being at the correct level, we have not yet read anything to indicate that NZQA has accepted responsibility for a poorly set exam, and we urge you to direct them to issue a public acknowledgement and apology. This would go some way towards alleviating the anger, frustration and confusion caused to my daughter by this exam.

As Minister of Education, we are sure that you are as concerned as we are about the inadequate processes at NZQA and the ill effects that this exam has caused and we ask that you do everything within your power to investigate what went wrong and reassure NZ students, teachers and public that things will be put right.

We eagerly await your response and support.

Yours sincerely

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