

How you as a parent or student can help by writing to or emailing key politicians and candidates standing in your electorate:

Key points;

The Need to strengthen to 67%

I am alarmed/concerned/horrified to hear that the Ministry of Education intends only to strengthen the main block at WEGC to 40% of the New Building Standard.

The NZ Society of Earthquake Engineers and the Structural Engineering Society strongly recommend seismic strengthening to at least 67% of NBS, preferably higher.

At 40% of the NBS – while the main block may not suffer collapse in a moderate earthquake – it is highly likely that walls will fail, and that brickwork and masonry will fall risking lives and causing injury to those inside and those fleeing from the building.

Other schools in Wellington have been strengthened to 100%. Why not WEGC?

This building is a core part of a school of 900+ girls and over 100 staff – are the lives of those people not valuable enough to aim for a higher level of strengthening?

Has Christchurch's experience taught the Ministry nothing?

Good on WEGC for standing firm – it is good to see that they have the safety and wellbeing of the girls at heart.

Use of 5YP Funding

Why should WEGC have to use its 5Year Property funding to strengthen a building that the Ministry missed off its strengthening programme 10 years ago? This means our pupils will not benefit from the building and maintenance programme the Board and school have in place, including: (Sally to complete)

Leaky schools have been repaired without having to use their 5YP funding.

A number of other schools had strengthening in early 2000 (at no cost to the schools - it was not from their 5YP) but WEGC missed out.

If emailing politicians – ask for their commitment to make WEGC safe by funding the seismic work to 67%.

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