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Dear Applicant

Thank you for taking the opportunity to apply for the position of U6 Conifer Grove School.

At the end of term 3 of this year we are farewelling our Principal of 11 years, Jan Robertson, who is making a career change into retirement. We will operate with an acting Principal until the end of the year, and aim to start 2018 with our new permanent leader in-place.

The new Principal will enjoy working in Conifer Grove, just 30 minutes south of central Auckland. Conifer Grove is a special place on the Pahurehure Inlet, on the shores of the Manukau Harbour. We are a self-contained neighbourhood with no through traffic, and an engaged, family oriented community in an attractive environment.

Although the current community is well established, the upcoming development of the neighbouring golf-course into residential housing may have an impact on the school student numbers and our facilities. Implications are being worked through with the Ministry of Education, and will be a key issue in the early tenure of the new Principal.

We are very proud of our school, our delivery of education, and our diverse community of learners. We are a school of choice in our region – and aim to remain so. Our ERO report with a three-year cycle was very well deserved and shows our curriculum delivery to be of a high standard.

We have a large number of initiatives that support our students including musical, cultural, sporting and gardening groups and clubs. We have laid important bicultural foundations for our learners through our curriculum and Kapa Haka group Te Ara Hou, reflecting the bicultural partnership inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We have strong ICT and music programmes, and a desire to get stronger – especially in STEM subjects.

Our Board is relatively new, and are willing to give the new Principal 100% support. Our staff members are wonderful professionals and our young learners are engaged and enjoy school.

Our Board is very supportive of professional development – including conferences, and see this as important to achieve ongoing growth of our staff, and through them the achievements of our students.

I encourage you to visit our School's website <http://www.conifergrove.school.nz/> and learn more about our school and our community.

We aim to appoint the best person for the position, and invite all applicants to complete the application process, for shortlisting. All applicants will be notified as to their progress as soon as decisions have been made.

Best regards

Olaf van Daalen

Chairman – Conifer Grove School Board of Trustees