

SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTOR

Position Paper – April 2009

Background

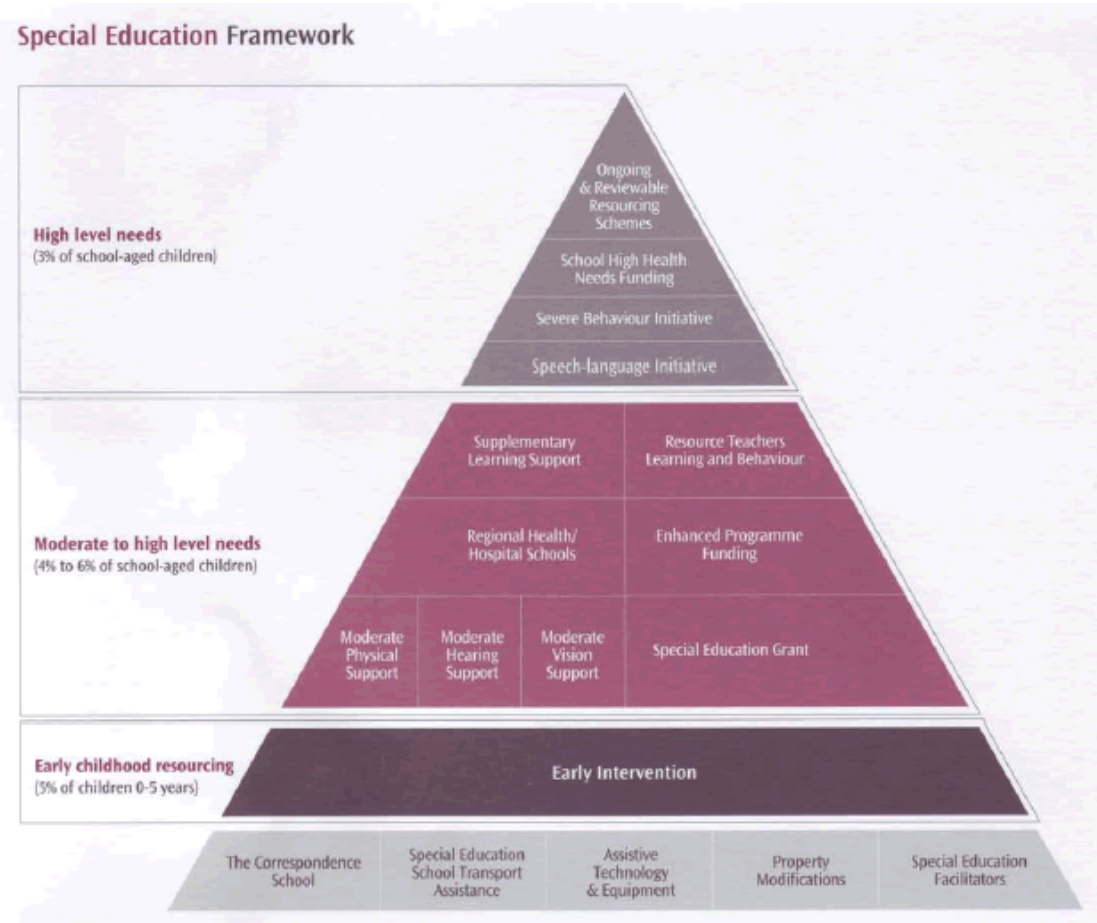
Two meetings were held to facilitate the needs of the Special Education Sector. Information was recorded and placed on the WEST website. In consultation with GSE Manager, RTLB representatives, Principal from Westbridge, the key themes were gleaned. It was suggested the 'Special Education 2000' could provide the framework for key priorities. This brief paper is to outline 'draft key priorities' and offer comment back to the group.

Purpose

The Waitakere Education Plan development is in response to a city wide approach to addressing the needs and aspirations of population groups in Waitakere. An Education Symposium on the 29 April at the Trust stadium is an opportunity for a presentation on key priorities for each sector.

Action

Please distribute this 'draft' to as many Special Education settings, providers, RTLB, GSE, Staff, Teachers of Special Needs, Families in order to make comment on the Key priorities as per all information gathered.



KEY PRIORITIES

1. To scope Special Education services based on the 'Special Education 2000' available in Waitakere
2. To provide information to the education sector and wider community on how to access special education information and support.
3. To identify Special Education needs and services for Waitakere City and develop support networks between key services.