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Dear Michael

Thank you for your e-mail of 2 December 2004 to Hon Trevor Mallard concerning video-conference debates. He has passed your letter to me as I recently assumed responsibility for the compulsory sector.

The initiative certainly sounds exciting and one in which the video-conference technology will be pivotal in providing the means for real time interaction between schools, around the world, involved in the programme.

The Ministry of Education informs me that several New Zealand schools have already participated in your programme through Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI), the Ministry of Education's portal for schools, and I understand that this will continue throughout 2005.

Thank you for your initiatives in this area and enabling New Zealand schools to participate in this international activity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Benson-Pope', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Benson-Pope
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF EDUCATION