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Tena koutou katoa, ko Brendon Fiebig toku ingoa, ko Tumuaiki a hau o te kura o Tatuani.

I have been in education for 21 years and have enjoyed teaching and leading in primary, intermediate and secondary schools in Auckland, Gisborne, the Waikato, and Cook Islands. I was also a Teaching and Learning Advisor for the Cook Islands Ministry of Education in Rarotonga. Prior to my move into education I worked in Commercial Banking in Wellington, Auckland, and London, England.

I am principal of Tatuani School in Morrinsville, Waikato, a small rural school of 120 students.

As a cohort of educators we have been subject to a great deal of change over the past few years, over successive Governments. The result of which is that the education sector finds itself in a constant 'holding' pattern. Whilst change is inevitable, and often times positive, successful education rides a fine line between the need for innovation and adaption to remain relevant, and being founded on robust, research based, sustainable, systems and processes. An education system that is subject to the ideological whims and fancies of one particular political party or another does not make for a conducive environment to work and learn.

Whilst an apolitical education system is an oxymoron (Sofía García-Bullé, 25 July, 2019), I am standing for election on a platform of establishing an education system that operates outside of a 'Ministerial portfolio' scenario, but rather managed independently by a board made up of accredited experts from all political backgrounds, but more significantly, from throughout the education sector.

I also want to improve teacher training programmes in order to establish, or develop further, an industry of highly regarded, well trained, and suitably equipped professionals.