



Briefing report

Education Review Office (ERO) Supporting quality Pacific language learning opportunities: The 'Afa Framework: Pacific Bilingual and Immersion Education Indicators trial

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Associate Minister of Education	<p>It is recommended that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note ERO intends to socialise the attached document "The 'Afa Framework" with targeted schools from 26 July 2023 in its trial form. b) Note a finalised version of the framework will be released in mid-late 2024. c) Indicate if you wish to discuss this work with ERO officials prior to 26 July. d) Agree to forward this briefing and attached framework to the Minister for Education, Hon Jan Tinetti and the Minister for Pacific People, Hon Barbara Edmonds. e) Note this briefing is recommended for proactive release at the time of the framework socialisation with the sector. 	



Attachments:



Comments:

Minister's Office to complete

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Purpose

1. This update provides information on progress towards the full release of the 'Afa Framework: Pacific Bilingual and Immersion Education Indicators (The 'Afa Framework).
2. This update provides clarity on the trial version of the 'Afa framework, its purpose, key features, alignment to wider strategy and frameworks.
3. This update documents how the trial framework will be shared with the sector, how feedback will be gathered, and current plans for the launch of the final framework in late 2023 early 2024.

Background

4. In 2019, *ERO's national evaluation Current Provision of Pacific Bilingual Education* report found that Pacific bilingual programmes were not consistent. Approaches were limited access to appropriate resources, particularly for assessment (Education Review Office, 2019).
5. Challenges were also identified related to meaningful bilingual pathways in secondary schooling (Education Review Office, 2019).
6. As part of the ERO Pacific Strategy (2019-2023) ERO committed to the development of a Quality Education Framework to evaluate education provision in Pacific medium education units.

Overall summary of framework

7. The Education Review Office has worked with the education sector to develop a Pacific bilingual/immersion education quality framework.
8. The 'Afa Framework will guide good practice, and support effective evaluation of Pacific bilingual/immersion education programmes.

9. The 'Afa Framework identifies key actions education settings can undertake across key domain areas: *Leadership, Curriculum Teaching and Learning, and Parents, Whānau, and Community and stewardship* to support quality Pacific language provision.
10. For each domain the framework provides indicators, and examples of effective practice.
11. The domains, indicators and examples of effective practice are informed by prior ERO research, wider education research and the knowledge of Pacific education experts who supported the creation of the 'Afa' Framework.
12. Educators can use the 'Afa framework to evaluate their Pacific Bilingual learning programmes, identifying ways to improve their provision.
13. Schools can use the 'Afa framework to plan how they may provide Pacific language learning in the future supporting effective practice from the beginning.
14. ERO Evaluation Partners can use the 'Afa framework to engage schools in improvement planning, and to drive their own understanding of quality Pacific language provision.
15. Learners, whānau and the school community can use the framework to understand what quality language provision looks like. Providing transparency and improving agency in their decision making around learning.

Related Ministry for Pacific Peoples Work

16. The Pacific Languages Strategy 2022-2032 (Ministry of Pacific People) sets out a vision for Aotearoa as a place where thriving Pacific languages build prosperity in opportunity, wellbeing, community, education and learning opportunities.
17. The strategy affirms the importance of Pacific Languages and holds strengthening pathways and resources for learning Pacific languages and in Pacific languages as a key strategic objective.
18. The 'Afa Framework provides education settings the clarity they require to both evaluate their current practice and improve upon their practice to ensure quality Pacific language learning opportunities.

Related Ministry of Education Work

19. The 'Afa Framework clarifies how schools can action effective partnerships with whānau/parents to ensure quality language provision. This builds upon the family partnership focus of the *Action Plan for Pacific Education 2020–2030 (Ministry of Education)*.
20. The 'Afa Framework will support effective practice, supporting the educator and wider school goals relating to Key Shift 3 of the *Action Plan for Pacific Education 2020-2030* "Enable every teacher, leader and educational professional to take coordinated action to become culturally competent with diverse Pacific learners".
21. The 'Afa Framework supports the aims of other frameworks including *The Tapasā framework*, providing depth to effective practice relating to Identities, languages and cultures.

Publication of trial document

22. A trial version of the framework (The 'Afa framework) will be shared with targeted education settings from 26 July 2023.
23. Targeted schools include Pacific Bilingual and Immersion schools, and schools which we understand are planning towards offering Pacific Bilingual and Immersion services.
24. Targeted schools will be invited to use the trial version of the framework. Use of the trial framework will not be mandatory.
25. Those who support the targeted schools, including Peak Bodies, Agencies and Pacific Community Groups will also receive the 'Afa Framework throughout 2023.
26. Those who use the trial version of the framework will be invited to give feedback via afaframework@ero.govt.nz and via their ERO Evaluation Partner.
27. Feedback will be incorporated in a finalised version of the 'Afa Framework to be launched in mid-late 2024.
28. The trial version of the framework will also be available to download from the ERO.govt.nz website.
29. ERO will acknowledge key contributors to the trial framework on 26 July 2023 at Sutton Park School, Auckland.

Recommendations

30. It is recommended that you:
 - a) **Note** ERO intends to socialise the attached document "The 'Afa Framework" with targeted schools from 26 July 2023 in its trial form. **Noted**
 - b) **Note** a finalised version of the framework will be released in mid-late 2024. **Noted**
 - c) **Indicate** if you wish to discuss this work with ERO officials prior to 26 July. **Yes/No**
 - d) **Agree** to forward this briefing and attached framework to the Minister for Education, Hon Jan Tinetti and the Minister for Pacific People, Hon Barbara Edmonds. **Agreed/Disagreed**

e) **Note** this briefing is recommended for proactive release at the time of the framework socialisation with the sector.

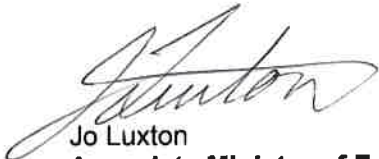
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