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**President's Comment 33**

Dear Colleagues

The latest publication in the Best Evidence Synthesis series – “Effective Pedagogy in Social Sciences/Tikanga ā Iwi” – is about to be released and will prove to be a valuable resource for social science teachers. A copy will arrive over your desk and I suggest you at least read through the summary model of pedagogy for the social sciences at the very back of the publication before passing it over to the relevant head of department. Social science teachers should find the BES particularly useful in their planning for the NZ Curriculum.

Hopefully schools will also receive a hard copy of the BES on effective pedagogy in mathematics at the same time.

Thank you to those who responded to the Notice of Intention regarding the SPANZ union attached to President's Comment No. 30. We have a clear mandate to now progress this work further. For those that haven't completed that task as yet, we would still appreciate your response before the end of this month.

Following the appeal of the Lynfield College suspension case the Ministry has just released new draft guidelines to sector groups on Stand-downs, Suspensions and Exclusions and Expulsions. We have a very short timeframe to provide initial feedback of the guidelines and have approached our legal advisor, Richard Harrison, to analyse them. Further consultation with sector groups is planned for December and the new guidelines are scheduled to be distributed to schools in February 2009.

Finally, I hope that prize giving ceremonies have gone well for those of you that hold them prior to the external exams. It certainly is an energy sapping time of year but so rewarding as we celebrate the exceptional talents and abilities of our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Gall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Peter Gall**  
**SPANZ President**