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President's Comment 18

Dear Colleagues

Members of the Executive met with the Minister on Wednesday evening with the single agenda item being school's resourcing.

Specific matters we raised were funding of ICT, the collective agreements for both support staff and teaching staff and the international student levy. We expressed our view that pre budget expectations across the sector were for a significant increase in operational grant funding and that the 5% announced did not meet these expectations.

The tone of the meeting was positive and we will continue to pursue the funding issue as this is critical for all schools.

The ICT report relating to the Operational Grant that I have mentioned in previous comments is now a public document and can be accessed via the Ministry of Education website. That report proposes some delivery mechanisms for schools' ICT requirements. It recommends the network infrastructure be resourced via school property resourcing mechanisms and to a specified standard. This recommendation did not attract budget resourcing, however the suggestion for schools to resource IT user devices via the operational grant was recognised in the 1.9% ICT indicative funding in the budget.

We understand that other recommendations in the report are still being considered by Government officials.

Another matter in relation to RT: LB

Paul Daley will be representing SPANZ as part of a review into the effectiveness of the RT: LB service and would appreciate feedback on the question-

To what extent are RT: LB personnel to equip to carry out their work in secondary schools?

He has a meeting on Tuesday of next week and will appreciate any feedback prior to that meeting. principal@sanctamaria.school.nz

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