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Statutory Interventions

SPANZ met with the Secretary for Education in March 2005 and at that meeting raised the application of statutory interventions in secondary schools with him. He subsequently invited a sub committee of the Executive to meet with Kathy Phillips and her team at National Operations to talk through the Ministry's processes. Since that time there have been three meetings between SPANZ and the Ministry of Education National Operations team led by Kathy Phillips and a summary of the outcomes of these meetings is as follows.

SPANZ and the Ministry have agreed that through mutual initiatives at a regional and national level, focus will be given to supporting effective leadership in schools. This includes strengthening support for principals, and involving SPANZ representatives in informal school support networks as appropriate.

Through involvement in the Ministry's regional informal support networks, SPANZ will have the opportunity to share perspectives on appropriate levels of support and interventions in schools.

SPANZ and the Ministry agree that there is a need to identify contextual risk areas in schools and seek to provide an appropriate level of support (for principals) at an earlier stage.

SPANZ is keen to support First Time Principals mentoring over an extended two year period. The current Ministry plan is to strengthen support for First Time Principals over an 18 month period, and provide development opportunities over an extended two year period as appropriate.

Documentation used in the formal application of the statutory intervention framework has recently been updated. The updates seek to clarify the legislative and regulatory parameters under which limited statutory managers and commissioners are required to operate, and define the roles of the parties involved in the application of the statutory intervention framework.

Workshops are being held regarding these updates with statutory appointees and Ministry of Education staff.

I would like to reiterate that your Association's Executive through the SPANZ office is available to offer assistance to you in whatever capacity you may require and to remind you that "*prevention is way better than cure*".

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