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Dear Colleagues

As a SPANZ member you are also a member of ICP (International Confederation of Principals) and can access the members' area of the ICP website – www.icponline.org, user name "SPANZ", password "capetown". At recent ICP council meetings the issue of school leader welfare has been discussed as one of general concern. A few member associations have developed surveys and the data collected from them has been used as a basis for discussion within their associations and with policy makers.

ICP has now developed an on-line survey with the following aims:

To identify the impact of school leadership on the member's psychological and physical health.

To ascertain the main stressors impacting on the daily life of school leaders.

To identify factors which motivated principals to continue their work of education.

The survey will remain on the website until 2010 and contributions will be completely anonymous and strictly confidential (log in as a SPANZ member and access the survey via 'Projects'). I encourage you to visit the ICP website, complete the survey and 'surf' through the other information, articles and reports on the site.

Alternative Education Contracts: For those of you who host consortia you will no doubt have been notified of the Minister's announcement on the 30th October that the contracts will be extended for 2010. The full press release can be found at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/alternative+education+contracts+be+extended>

Apology: In the latest SPANZ journal the excellent article on the MATES programme was incorrectly attributed to Steve Bovaird and Ken Rapson. The authors were in fact Steve Watt (Kelston Boys' High School) and Ken Rapson (University of Auckland) and we offer our sincerest apologies to Steve for this error.

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