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Linda Miller

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Dear Linda

At the recent NASDAP Executive meeting, your letter [dated 28 April 2008] was discussed at length.

As a result of our discussion, I will be writing to Robin Duff the President of PPTA, to express our collective concerns about the erosion of working conditions for senior managers within schools.

Executive asked me to inform you that there is an advisory group that PPTA calls SPAC - Senior Principals Advisory Council and Southland's representative is John Douglas from South Otago High School. Have you been in contact with John to discuss your issues?

There is a SPAC meeting scheduled for June this year, and the three NASDAP Executive members who also sit on SPAC, will make a point of speaking to John and other members, to reiterate our collective concern about the marginalisation that is occurring due to eroded workplace conditions for senior managers in some schools.

In relation to the leadership training, NASDAP has spoken to Ministry of Education about the 'looming leadership crises' on a number of occasions. There are many professional development opportunities for senior managers who wish to stay in their current roles; many of which are listed in the Education Gazette and on our website - www.nasdap.org.nz.

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Joyce Whyman is scheduled to visit you on 2 July 2008, and I know that while she officially resigned from NASDAP on 23 May, she will be able to listen to your groups concerns and ensure they are passed on to me.

I will be in contact again after I have a response from Robin Duff.

Kind regards

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President NASDAP

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