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Dr Graham Stoop
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Dear Dr Stoop

At the recent NASDAP Executive meeting, Geoff O'Halloran [Representative from Wellington, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa] presented a paper as a result of a meeting of secondary assistant and deputy principals, which Lennane Kent and Jenny Clark attended.

This paper centres upon the issues schools face when dealing with disruptive children; namely the identification of them, hindering their own and other students' progress which affects teaching and learning outcomes within schools.

Has the Education Review Office ever considered as one of its areas of national interest [*ANI*] this issue? Professor John Hattie's and other research identify disruptive students as being one of the main, if not the main, factor in hindering students' progress and hence affecting their achievement.

NASDAP Executive felt that this is a nationwide issue and worthy of consideration as an *ANI*.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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