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Dear Patrick

The important role of NASDAP

On behalf of the NASDAP Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to inform your Executive on the benefits of area and secondary schools in New Zealand being a member of NASDAP.

This request has been made as the Executive are hearing from some member schools that their Principals are questioning the value in paying an annual subscription for their school [regardless of the number of Assistant and Deputy Principals a school has].

Each geographical region of New Zealand has an Executive member who is expected to connect to his/her region and ensure that regional issues have a voice. This regional voice ensures Executive and NASDAP very aware of all of the differing contexts within which Assistant and Deputy Principals work.

Our Executive committee represents over 92% of New Zealand Area and Secondary schools. Our prime objectives are:

1. To provide a unified voice for Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals having surveyed member opinion through regional associations
2. To foster the professional development of Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals
3. To establish a representative vehicle for consultation with Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals on issues pertinent to them
4. To establish and maintain links between regional Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals Associations
5. Executive members sit on the Leaders Forum and the Payroll Reference Group
6. To facilitate the sharing of ideas and information between regional Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals Associations
7. To maintain autonomy but utilizes the appropriate and available expertise for salary negotiations, conditions of service, professional development etc.
8. To facilitate a biennial conference for Secondary School Deputy and Assistant Principals

We believe that we provide member schools with a service and professionalism that allows their voices to be heard in a similar way as Principals do by SPANZ and NZPC.

We trust that the above will clarify any misnomers that may exist about NASDAP and hopefully alleviate any fears that Principals may have about the value of their senior managers being members of our organisation.

Kind regards

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President NASDAP