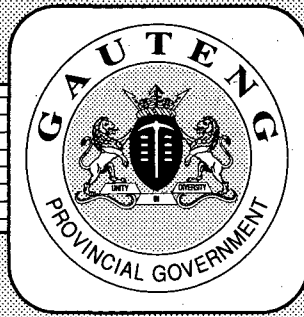


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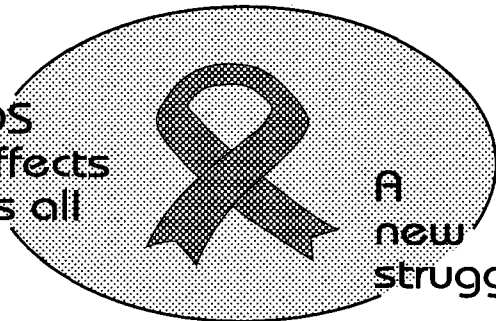
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Notice of Intention to Close 49 public Pre-primary Schools in Gauteng

1. After a lengthy consultation process over a period of more than two years, with the various stakeholders in Early Childhood Development (ECD), including the Gauteng Education and Training Council, pre-primary school governing bodies and their associates, I undertook not to close the remaining 49 public Pre-primary Schools until the National Minister of Education amended national policy in line with the provincial policy.
2. The amendments to the national policy were gazetted on 13 December 2001 (No.22938).
3. The Gauteng Department of Education now intends to close all the schools listed below on 6 December 2002, the last day of the school year for 2002.
4. The reasons for my intention to close the schools are repeated once again:
 - 4.1 The existing public pre-primary model is not appropriate for all children in Gauteng and is not replicable for all.
 - 4.2 The public pre-primary schools in the province are located in historically advantaged suburbs and are therefore not accessible to all.
 - 4.3 The schools were inherited from the former Transvaal Education Department (TED) and originally served only white children. While the schools now enroll children of all races, they still serve a small minority of pre-school children in Gauteng. The vast majority of children have no access to ECD services at all.
 - 4.4 Gauteng at present has approximately 1 million children under the age of six, whereas public pre-primary schools in the province have never served more than approximately twelve thousand children at any given time.
 - 4.5 The provincial government cannot justify these provisioning imbalances within the ECD sector.
 - 4.6 The budgeted salary for the ECD sector in the province has annually stood at approximately R30 to R48 million, which could be used to reach out to more needy children in the form of subsidies to ECD services. Based on these reasons, I have therefore resolved to close down the remaining public pre-primary schools, to open the way for an equitable system that will address the needs of all the children of the Gauteng province.
5. The Gauteng Department of Education has made every effort over the last two years to provide every ECD stakeholder with the opportunity to participate in the consultative process for the closure of public pre-primary schools.
6. Many stakeholders participated in this process and many written comments were received for consideration. Despite the exhaustive consultation process undertaken by the Gauteng Department of Education, I wish to extend one final opportunity to all stakeholders to make written representation to me regarding my intention to close the schools.
7. You are invited to forward your written comments to the following address within 30 days of this notice:

Office of the MEC for Education
10th Floor
111 Commissioner Street
Johannesburg
2001

P O Box 7710
Johannesburg
2000

Fax: 011-355 0542 or 011-355 0640

For Attention : Lorraine Foster or Mmule Madonsela

8. All written representations will be considered before a final decision to close the schools is made.
9. In the event that I do decide to close the schools, any governing body aggrieved by my decision to close a school may, within 30 days after receiving my notice of closure, appeal to the Executive Council, in writing, setting out the grounds of the appeal.

IGNATIUS P JACOBS
MEC for Education

SCHEDULE

	Name of School	Ref. No.
1	Die Apies	210997
2	Japsnoet	270413
3	Pikkie	270439
4	Rocklands	270447
5	Westonaria	270462
6	Rinkel Krinkel	231258
7	Katjeepering	231167
8	Eben Swemmer	231126
9	Florandie	240390
10	Kiepersol	231175
11	Kroonkewiet	220459
12	Les Marais	231308
13	Noem Noempie	231225
14	Pierewouter	240424
15	Sinoville	240432
16	Skoenlapper	231258
17	Bambi	210989
18	Kwaggasrand	231209
19	Sunnyside	231274
20	Swaan en Flamienk	231118
21	Jakaranda	231159
22	Ons Eie	310664
23	Benoni Nursery School	310185
24	Klopkloppie	350421
25	Daeraad	161182
26	Elsburg	161232
27	Heidi	160515
28	Implala Park	161240
29	Kalossie	341628
30	Marlands	161281
31	Nerine	161299
32	Palm	161307
33	Trekvoeltjies	230680
34	Van Dyk Park	161323
35	Disa	330530
36	Duncanville	330548
37	Kosmos	331686
38	Makieriekraai	320200
39	Dan Pienaar	131219
40	Memorial Hospital	131003
41	Fontainebleau	151175
42	Orban	140335
43	Randburg	151191
44	Unika	151209
45	Jan Groentjie	131235
46	Bokmakierie	120907
47	Die Mossie	120923
48	Tambotie	120980
49	Karliën en Kandas	250894