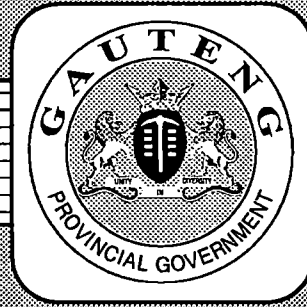


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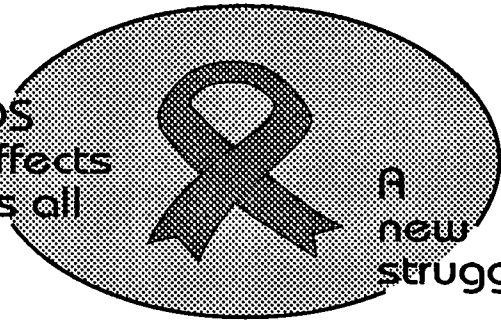
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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 2870 OF 2002

#### SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT, NO. 6 OF 1995

#### NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF REMAINING PUBLIC PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- 1 I, Ignatius Patrick Jacobs, Member of the Executive Council responsible for matters relating to education in the province of Gauteng, hereby declare that the public pre-primary schools listed in the schedule shall be closed with effect from 6 December 2002.
- 2 After a lengthy consultation process over a period of more than two years, with various stakeholders in early childhood development (ECD), including the Gauteng Education and Training Council, pre-primary schools' governing bodies and their associations, I undertook not to close the remaining public pre-primary schools until the National Minister of Education amended national policy. These amendments to the national policy were gazetted on 13 December 2001 (GG No. 22938).
- 3 The reasons for my decision to close the pre-primary schools are the following:
  - 3.1 The existing public pre-primary model is not appropriate for all children in Gauteng and is not replicable for all.
  - 3.2 The public pre-primary schools in the province are located in historically advantaged suburbs and therefore are not accessible to all.
  - 3.3 The schools were inherited from the former Transvaal Education Department (TED) and originally served only white children. While the schools now enrol children of all races they still serve only a small minority of pre-school children in Gauteng. The vast majority of children have no access to ECD services at all.
  - 3.4 Gauteng at present has approximately 1 million children under the age of 6, whereas pre-primary schools in the province have never served more than approximately 12 000 children at any given time.

- 3.5 The provincial government cannot justify these provisioning imbalances within the ECD sector.
- 3.6 The budgeted salary for the ECD sector in the province annually stands at approximately R30 to 48 million, which could be used to reach out to more needy children for the phasing in of grade R and other ECD services in Gauteng.
- 4 Any governing body of a public pre-primary school which is aggrieved by my decision to close the school may within 30 days after receiving this notice, appeal to the Executive Council of the province of Gauteng, in writing, setting out the grounds of the appeal.
- 5 The governing body of any public pre-primary school that wishes to opt for the privatisation option following closure, must within 20 days after receiving this notice, indicate that wish in writing to the Head of the Gauteng Department of Education.

**IGNATIUS PATRICK JACOBS**

Member of the Executive Council for Education

**SCHEDULE**

|    | Name of School                    | Ref. No. |
|----|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Johannesburg Hospital Pre-primary | 130674   |
| 2  | Memorial Hospital Pre-primary     | 131003   |
| 3  | Dan Pienaar                       | 131219   |
| 4  | Jan Groentjie                     | 131235   |
| 5  | Heidi                             | 160515   |
| 6  | Palm                              | 161307   |
| 7  | Skoenlapper                       | 231258   |
| 8  | Japsnoet                          | 270413   |
| 9  | Rocklands                         | 270447   |
| 10 | Westonaria                        | 270462   |