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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**No. 278****22 February 2008****NATIONAL SCHOOLS PLEDGE****CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL SCHOOLS PLEDGE**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby invite comments from the public and interested parties on the draft National Schools Pledge contained in Annexure A of this document.

The National Schools Pledge is based on the values of the Constitution.

The objectives of the Pledge are:

- (a) To promote civic participation and responsibility among young people;
- (b) To evoke national pride and unity; and
- (c) To promote social cohesion and nation-building.

Learners will be expected to recite the Pledge at least once a week at a school assembly and other suitable occasions.

All comments should be in writing and must reach the Department of Education not later than 20 March 2008.

Written comments, which should indicate the name and postal, email and telephone contact details (if available) of the person, governing body or organization submitting the comments, may be sent to:

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DATE: 19-02-2008

DRAFT NATIONAL SCHOOLS PLEDGE

We the youth of South Africa,
recognising the injustices of our past,
honour those who suffered and sacrificed for justice and freedom.

We will respect and protect the dignity of each person,
and stand up for justice.

We sincerely declare that we shall uphold the rights and values of our constitution,
and promise to act in accordance with the duties and responsibilities
that flow from these rights.

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