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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 1120 OF 2008

AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

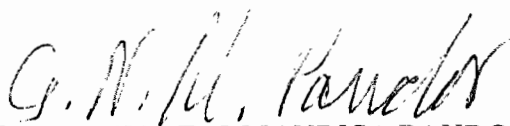
I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and the Minister of Finance in terms of section 35(1) of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996, hereby amend the National Norms and Standards for School Funding, as set out in the Schedule.

All interested persons and organizations are invited to comment on the amendment in writing and to direct their comments to:

The Director-General, Private Bag X895, Pretoria, 0001, for attention: Ms MD Masipa, tel. 012 312 6091 and email Masipa.d@doe.gov.za.

Kindly provide the name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address of the person or organization submitting the comments.

The comments should reach the Department by 15 September 2008.



**GRACE NALEDI MANDISA PANDOR, MP
MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

Date: 22 August 2008

SCHEDULE

The National Norms and Standards for School Funding are hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph 121 on page 35 of the Amended National Norms and Standards for School Funding, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006, of the following:

“121A. TRANSFERS TO SCHOOLS BY PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

- (a) The Provincial Education Department (PED) must make transfer payments to a public school each year –
 - (i) on or before 15 May; and
 - (ii) on or before 15 November.
 - (b) The payment contemplated in subparagraph (a) may be effected only if there is proof that the public school has utilized its school funds in accordance with its functions and responsibilities as prescribed by SASA.
 - (c) The PED will make the payment contemplated in subparagraph (a) after it has considered the annual financial statements of the previous financial year, audited or examined and submitted by the public school as contemplated in section 43(5) of SASA."
 - (d) Despite subparagraph (c), a PED may, in the event that the statements are not available on 15 May of the year in question, use the financial statements of the year preceding the previous financial year.
 - (e) Despite subparagraph (a), a PED may make a once-off transfer payment to a public school on or before 15 May to cover for the period June (of that year) to May of the following year.
 - (f) Either of the two transfers [(a)(i) or (ii) above] must ensure that on 1st January of the following year the school is able to operate at least for the period January – May and able to fund expenditure during this period."
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