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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**No. 706****13 August 2010****SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996****NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING****CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL
NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby invite comments from the public and interested parties on the proposed amendments to the National Norms and Standards for School Funding as set out in the Schedule. I intend to amend the National Norms and Standards by insertions after paragraph 138 of the amended National Norms and Standards for School Funding which were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006, corrected by Government Notice No. 1282, Government Gazette No. 29473 of 14 December 2006, amended by Government Notice No. 26, Government Gazette No. 30679 of 18 January 2008 and further amended by Government Notice No. 1089, Government Gazette No. 31498 of 17 October 2008, Government Notice No. 31574 of 4 November 2008, Government Gazette No. 31848 of 30 January 2009, Government Notice No. 32683 of 6 November 2009, Government Notice No. 32772 of 3 December 2009 and Government Notice 32804 of 11 December 2009.

The draft amendment deals with the provision of operational funds to no-fee schools without the allocated functions of governing bodies in terms of section 21 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996..

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

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Comments should reach the Department within 30 days of this publication.


MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP
Minister of Basic Education
Date: 27 July 2010

SCHEDULE

The National Norms and Standards for School Funding are hereby amended by insertions after paragraph 138 of the amended National Norms and Standards for School Funding which were published in Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006, as amended, of the following:

138A. TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL FUNDS TO NO-FEE SCHOOLS WITHOUT THE ALLOCATED FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNING BODIES IN TERMS OF SECTION 21 OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

(a) Criteria for providing operational funds to schools

- (i) All no-fee schools without the allocated functions of governing bodies in terms of section 21 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 should be provided with an allowance from the school's total allocation for the year in order to be able to operate on a day-to-day basis.
- (ii) The MEC must determine via a notice in the Provincial Gazette that governing bodies of no-fee schools that are without the allocated functions of governing bodies in terms of section 21 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 of SASA be allocated the function to administer and utilize the operational funds for day-to-day operations in line with Section 21(1)(e) and Section 21(6) of SASA.
- (iii) PEDs should provide no-fee schools without the allocated functions of governing bodies in terms of section 21 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 with an operational allowance from the school's total allocation for the year within the prescripts of the PFMA and its regulations and any Treasury practice notes.

(b) Determination of the amount for operational purposes

- (i) The amount of the allowance for daily operations to be made available to schools must be determined by the Head of the Department.

(c) Communication of operational funds

- (i) The provisional and final communication on the school's allocations as guided by Paragraphs 119 and 121 must, where applicable, include details of the amount of the allocation for operational funds and what the operational funds can be utilised for.

(d) When and how should schools receive the operational funds

- (i) The allowance must be paid to schools so that they are functional throughout the year.
- (ii) The transfer payments for operational funds must be in line with paragraph 121A.

(e) Reporting on the usage of the operational allowance by the schools

- (i) The PED must clearly inform the schools that the funds are for their daily operations and that it is a portion of their total school allocation for the year.
 - (ii) The PED may provide the schools with procedures and policies for recording and reporting on the usage of the allocations and the timeframes for reporting, as a requirement before the school may receive its next allocation.
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