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TO: HEADS OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

SPELLING BEE AND READING CLUBS PROGRAMME 01 OF 2015

RE: CALL FOR SCHOOLS TO REGISTER IN THE 2015 "DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA"

1. As part of the Integrated National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy: A Whole School Approach, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) successfully hosted the first Spelling Bee on 10 October 2014 in Pretoria. This is a campaign to improve learners' performance in languages, especially in English.
2. This was a culmination of many months of implementation in provinces whereby each province sent three champion spellers to compete at the first ever DBE National Spelling Bee. The event was a huge success.
3. Following this success, a call is hereby made for schools to encourage learners to participate in the Spelling Bee programme once more in 2015.
4. The procedure for participation in the 2015 Spelling Bee is for schools to complete the attached form which must be stamped by the school Principal and faxed/sent through the line function in the province.
5. The **Intermediate phase** (Grade 4-6) is the only category that is eligible to participate in the competition. The Competition will be held only in **English**.
6. Upon receipt of the registration form, the relevant official in the province will organise a workshop to clarify the rules of the competition as well as conduct elimination rounds up to the provincial level.

7. The DBE will receive the names of the provincial winners and host a Spelling Competition in October 2015 at a venue still to be confirmed.
8. Spelling words for use by learners can be accessed on Thutong Portal under School Enrichment and Sport section and also on the home page of the main website (www.education.gov.za) by typing "2015 DBE Spelling Bee SA words" and searching the website.
9. The closing date for the registration of the competition is **31 March 2015**.
10. For further enquiries, kindly contact Dr S Mannah, Acting-Chief Director: Social Inclusion and Partnerships on **012 357 3368** email, **Mannah.s@dbe.gov.za**.
11. Participation in the programme is free.
12. Your commitment in ensuring that the "***The Department of Basic Education Spelling Bee South Africa***" is a success is highly appreciated.


MR SG PADAYACHEE
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 2014/12/12

Annexure A

SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION FORM:



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THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA

Send/Fax/email this form to the line function in your province

Name of School:

Telephone number: (____) _____

Fax Number: (____) _____

Postal Address:

Code _____

Email Address: _____

Emis Number: _____

Name of the principal and contact details: _____

Name of learner taking part (Intermediate Phase only)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SCHOOL STAMP

NB: Write on separate page and attach to the form if space is not enough

**2015 DBE SPELLING BEE SA MANAGEMENT PLAN (AS DISCUSSED on 17
NOVEMBER 2015)**

Completed by	Activity	Responsibility
January 2015	Inform schools about the competition	DBE/Provincial Education Departments (PEDs)
March 2015	Close registration window	PEDs
April 2015	Conduct workshops for registered schools to prepare for the competition	PEDs
June 2015	Conduct district competitions	PEDs
August 2015	Conduct provincial competitions	PEDs
09 October 2015 (venue to be confirmed)	Host national competition	DBE assisted by partners and sponsors