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FROM: SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION 45: CONTINUATION OF FEEDING

DATE: 09 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. This Instruction Note must be read in conjunction with Instruction Notes 24, 32, 38 and 40, 43 and any other Instructions regarding the NSNP Programme during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. All qualifying learners **MUST** be provided with food in terms of the National School Nutrition Programme. All qualifying learners **MUST** be provided with food whether these learners are attending classes at school or are continuing their learning from home by virtue of the school using the rotation, platooning or a hybrid of these two systems. This also includes learners that have been exempted from school attendance under the Superintendent- General's authority.
3. In schools where it is noted that learner attendance has decreased it is expected that efforts will be made utilizing the various school platforms of communication to inform parents or guardians of the learners that they are encouraged to collect their cooked meal. Communication structures such as social partners, school governing bodies and community network can be utilized to create locally based advocacy. Schools may implement any method that would improve access to the National School Nutrition Programme.
4. In instances of exemption the school **MUST** communicate with the parent or guardian that meals may be collected from schools for those beneficiaries. This can align to days used for collecting teaching materials and submitting tasks for assessments.

5. The Department is obligated to report to the Gauteng High Court every 15 days on the number of learners receiving food and the number of learners not receiving food.
6. Should any school or district official with a responsibility under the NSNP, fail in his/her duties in respect of providing or facilitating the provision of food to qualifying learners, and/or fail to report on the required data base, disciplinary steps will be instituted.
7. District Directors are hereby instructed to ensure that this communication reaches all schools immediately. Where schools indicate that they did not receive the instruction, an investigation will be conducted, and responsible officials will be held accountable.

Yours faithfully



T. KOJANA
SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL

18/09/2020

DATE