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MEMORANDUM

**TO : DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTORS
DISTRICT DIRECTORS
PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS
EDUCATOR UNIONS
SGB ASSOCIATIONS**

FROM : SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

DATE : 20 NOVEMBER 2020

SUBJECT : REVIEW OF NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

1. The current fiscal situation in the Country has resulted in unprecedented consequences for all government operations including the delivery of education services.
2. This is in part a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic which has led to a sharp economic contraction and significant new financing needs in South Africa. In this regard, the Department has been severely hit by the COVID-19 crisis which resulted in budget cuts to the value of R1.3 billion in order to fund COVID-19 procurement activities. Beyond this cut, the Department had to use its budget to provide support to schools in the form of the provision of PPEs, the provision of School Support Teams (SSTs) and Education assistants where educators indicated they were unable to return to work due to comorbidities. The support provided to schools as listed above was not budgeted for.
3. Additional to the COVID-19 demands, the funding for Norms and Standards was already impacted by the following:



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- a. Honouring arrear transfers in respect of Municipal Services for section 21 schools outside municipalities for previous financial years
 - b. Accruals paid for LTSM
 - c. Tablets for Matriculants
 - d. Clearing outstanding Municipal bills for schools within Municipalities
 - e. Improvement of Communication in schools through laptops and data
4. This meant that urgent reprioritization of the Department's budget, including funds that were allocated for Norms and Standards for School Funding Second Tranche was inevitable.
 5. This communication therefore seeks to advise that in the circumstances, the Department can only afford to pay 45% of the second tranche, translating to 78% of transfers for the year. An allocation letter detailing the amount per school will follow this communique.
 6. This decision was taken to ensure that the Department protects the important need of ensuring that Learner Teacher Support Material in preparation for 2021 academic year is provided whilst also running smooth examinations at the end of the academic year.

Kind Regards



Mr. T.S. Kojana
Superintendent General
Date: 20/11/20