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FROM : SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

DATE : 29 April 2020

SUBJECT : DECENTRALIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

1. Circular No.7 of 2016 hereto attached has reference.
2. In the year 2016 the department entered into agreement with Municipalities in terms of which the department took over the responsibility of municipal accounts for Public Schools in the registration list of the department. This was done mainly for operational convenience and efficiency in the performance of the function.
3. In terms of that agreement, each Municipality would bill the department with all individual school accounts for schools within that municipality transmitting a remittance with details on a school by school basis for the department to pay the total amount owed for that Month.
4. The past 3 years since the above arrangement started has provided all involved with valuable experience and insights, hence after extensive consultation, a need for review has been agreed upon.
5. This memo hereby serves to rescind Circular 7 of 2016 with immediate effect. This means that all schools must resume responsibility for servicing of Municipal Services including payment of bills on consumption of Municipal Services with effect from 01 April 2020. Please note that it is compulsory that schools pay their municipal accounts by every 15th of every Month.
6. Principals and SGBs are accordingly directed to ensure compliance with contents of this circular and provide regular reports to the department on performance of this responsibility.

TS Kojana
Superintendent General

04/05/2020
Date

