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MEMORANDUM

**TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CES-SSS
CIRCUIT MANAGERS
SCHOLAR TRANSPORT COORDINATORS
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS (QUINTILES 1, 2 & 3 SCHOOLS)
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES (QUINTILES 1,2 & 3 SCHOOLS)**

CC: CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTORS

FROM: DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL – CM & D

SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF SCHOLAR TRANSPORT BENEFICIARIES

DATE: 11 MARCH 2021

1. PURPOSE

To advise of the Scholar Transport Beneficiaries verification process to be conducted by the Eastern Cape Department of Transport (ECDoT) officials and appointed service providers and Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE) officials.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 On 1 April 2020, ECDoT issued new three year contracts for the Scholar Transport Programme benefitting needy and qualifying learners.
- 2.2 In compliance with Government regulations, policies and with the Auditor-General instructions and requirements, it is important that learners benefitting from the Scholar Transport Programme are needy, qualifying and meet the requirements of the Scholar Transport Policy.
- 2.3 In addition, it is a legislative and policy requirement that monitoring and verification of learners be conducted to account for the Government funds used for the Scholar Transport Programme.
- 2.4 It is therefore in this regard that ECDoT officials, learner verification service providers and ECDoE officials will be verifying Scholar Transport learners.
- 2.5 In preparation for the three year Tender that had started in 2020 until 2023, the Department of Transport committed to transport 87,000 (eighty seven thousand) learners as pointed out in their Annual Performance Plan (APP) target for current Financial Year 20/21.

- 2.6 Kindly refer to Instruction Note No. 56 issued by the Acting Superintended General indicating that there will be a process of the verification of Scholar Transport learners which will include physical visits to schools.

3. DELIBERATION

- 3.1 On 10 March 2021, ECDoT sent to ECDoE a comprehensive list of the schools to be verified, including learner numbers and also provided names and contact details of service providers who will be conducting the verification process. **The lists per District are attached.**
- 3.2 ECDoT officials, service providers and ECDoE officials commenced the process of Scholar Transport learner verification with effect from 11 March 2021.
- 3.3 **ID numbers of learners are required for the verification process.** Schools are to assist in this regard. All school enrolled learners are to be captured on SASAMS with their ID numbers.
- 3.4 **It is crucial that Districts, Circuits and Schools support the learner verification process.**
- 3.5 In the event that learners cannot be verified due to non-cooperation, it may lead to them not being catered for in the Scholar Transport Programme.
- 3.6 Verified learners will be issued with Scholar Transport Learner Cards which learners must have at all times when using the scholar transport.
- 3.7 **Reference to Instruction Note No. 56 is again made whereby it is indicated that learners benefiting from the Scholar Transport Programme MUST be captured on SASAMS.**
- 3.8 All enquiries related to the ECDoT appointed service providers must be communicated to the ECDoT Scholar Transport Chief Director, Ms Nosiphiwo Somdyala at Nosiphiwo.Somdyala@ectransport.gov.za
- 3.9 All education related enquiries must be communicated to the Learner Development and Social Services Chief Director, Ms Thembisa Futshane at thembisa.futshane@ecdoe.gov.za
- 3.10 You are also encouraged to communicate with your respective District officials.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The process of the verification of learners benefiting from the Scholar Transport has commenced.
- 4.2 All involved parties including schools and learners are requested to cooperate and assist with the process.
- 4.3 It is crucial that SASAMS be updated with accurate information on all Scholar Transport learners transported.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.



11 March 2021

Mr. R. Tywakadi

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

DATE