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TO : CLUSTER MANAGEMENT
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FROM : DDG: DISTRICT COORDINATION & IOM
SUBJECT : 2ND TRANCHE NORMS & STANDARDS TRANSFERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DATE : 30 NOVEMBER 2021

1. Please note that the department started effecting payments in respect of the 2nd Tranche to Public Schools before 15th November 2021 as required. This communicate serves to inform all the relevant stakeholders, especially schools that the department is experiencing major challenges with the uploading and releasing of data to makes 2nd tranche payments.
2. At this point it is not clear how long this will take as the department is depending on the intervention of the functioning of the application software for uploading. The District and Schools will be informed as soon as the department is able to resolve the problem. It is the department's intention to ensure that these payments are made this year as the department is aware that Schools have debt to settle.
3. The data used for the implementation of transfers to public schools has been recalculated using the verified September 2021 learner data. This information has been reflected in the 2021/22 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure tabled at Provincial Treasury in November for approval at Legislature.
4. It must be noted, that this will impact on the expected transfers to schools that were affected by the rationalization and realignment process. Therefore, schools that lost learners will have its transfers reduced and schools that gained learners should, ceteris parabus, expect an increase in transfers. It must be noted, however, that the department reworked the final



transfers to factor in the impact of closed schools and also considering the approved school budgets for 2021/22 transfers.

5. Furthermore, as previously communicated, the withholding of a portion of transfers was implemented with tranche 1, in order to bailout schools with arear Municipal accounts. This was after the department received numerous requests from districts to do so. Subsequent to this, the department received many more such requests from all districts, prompting the leadership to take a decision not to transfer the Municipal Services portion of transfers to Public Ordinary Schools for 2021/22, 2nd tranche. Instead, these funds will be kept centrally at Head Office to pay school Municipal arrears. Note, the withholding is only in respect of quintiles 1-3 schools with Municipal or Eskom accounts. All schools falling "outside municipal boundaries" will receive its transfers in respect of this item as they have to procure their own source of energy and water supply.
6. In conclusion, the department would hereby appeal to the school leadership to use these funds wisely and only for purposes for which they are intended to as stipulated in National Norms & Standards for Schools Funding (NNSSF), Circular 1 of 2013 issued by DBE and addressed to School Principals, SGBs, and Parents. The circular deals with the guidelines with the purpose and use of school allocations.
7. Lastly, please note that all enquiries on this matter and tranche payments must be directed to the Director: School Resource Planning, Mr. SB Lukhozi 063 292 9938 during office hours only.

Yours in education



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