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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** DDGS  
CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTORS  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
CMC HEADS  
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

**FROM :** ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT :** DELAY IN DISBURSEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME, THIRD TRANCHE

**DATE :** 02 OCTOBER 2024

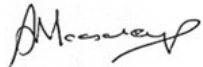
1. The subject bears reference.
2. The Department of Education facilitates the implementation of the National School Nutrition Programme, as a strategic objective to improve access to education and the continuation of lifelong learning.
3. The funds disbursed to schools provide resources for the procurement of food items, gas/ cooking fuel and the payment of Volunteer Food Handler Stipends.
4. The National School Nutrition Programme, tranche must be disbursed to schools and reflect in accounts two days prior to the commencement of teaching and learning.
5. During the preparatory process for the disbursement of funds the data sheet is shared with National Treasury using an administrative interface. During the third tranche, there were delays experienced with the verification process which resulted in the Department not meeting the targeted date for disbursement.
6. These processes have all been complied with and duly completed by the responsible sections which allows the Department to disburse funds on 03,

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October 2024 which will ensure that funds reflect in school bank accounts by 08, October 2024.

7. The Department apologizes for the delay in the disbursement of the National School Nutrition Programme, third tranche.

Yours in quality education



**MS SA MAASDORP  
ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

02.10.24

**DATE**