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PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

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Alfred Nzo West	Mr. K. Gunkel	072 216 8227	Kevin.gunkel@ecdoe.gov.za
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Chris Hani West	Mr. L. Swelankomo	083 335 5268 060 530 0830	Lihle.swelankomo@ecdoe.gov.za
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AMATHOLE EAST	JOY ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL	200300099
AMATHOLE EAST	KWASA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL	200300876
AMATHOLE EAST	LITTLE ANGELS	200300865
AMATHOLE EAST	MARANATHA ACADEMY	200300886
AMATHOLE EAST	MATTA FOOTPRINTS SECONDARY SCHOOL	200300889
AMATHOLE EAST	MIDA SCHOOL	200300888
AMATHOLE EAST	NEW HORIZON PRIMARY SCHOOL	200404049
AMATHOLE EAST	ROBY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	200300096
AMATHOLE EAST	VALLEY DAWN SCHOOL	200601165
AMATHOLE EAST	ZITHULELE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200300226

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ALFRED NZO EAST	BIZANA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	200501601
ALFRED NZO EAST	ITHUBA WILD COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE	200501603
ALFRED NZO EAST	LITTLE EDEN JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL	200501463
ALFRED NZO EAST	NTUNJENI PREPARATORY PRIMARY SCHOOL	200500040
ALFRED NZO EAST	PETER GORDONS ACADEMY SPECIAL NEEDS	200501628
ALFRED NZO EAST	PHAKAMA UKHANYE KINGDOM SECONDARY SCHOOL	200500355
ALFRED NZO EAST	PHAKAMISA PRIMARY SCHOOL	200501447
ALFRED NZO EAST	SIKELWENI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	200501625
ALFRED NZO EAST	SIYABONGA SECONDARY SCHOOL	200501622
ALFRED NZO EAST	SUPERKIDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200501440

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CHRIS HANI WEST	CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE	200400935
CHRIS HANI WEST	CHRIST THE KING JUNIOR	200601159
CHRIS HANI WEST	CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL	200800238
CHRIS HANI WEST	GET AHEAD COLLEGE (QUEENSTOWN)	200801181
CHRIS HANI WEST	GET AHEAD PROJECT (WHITTELSEA)	200800444
CHRIS HANI WEST	GET AHEAD PROJECT QUEENSTOWN	200800245
CHRIS HANI WEST	HEBRON CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200801188
CHRIS HANI WEST	HIS GRACE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	200800088
CHRIS HANI WEST	JACKSON COLLEGE ACADEMY	200800432
CHRIS HANI WEST	KINGDOM COLLEGE	200801169
CHRIS HANI WEST	BRIGHT FUTURE PRIMARY	200801207
CHRIS HANI WEST	KONWABA HIGH SCHOOL	200801212
CHRIS HANI WEST	OAKWOOD JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	200801187



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CHRIS HANI WEST	REHOBOTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	200601200
CHRIS HANI WEST	Riverside Christian Academy	200601186
CHRIS HANI WEST	ROYAL ACADEMY	200600071
CHRIS HANI WEST	ROYAL CAPITAL EDUCATION CENTRE	200601162
CHRIS HANI WEST	STEPPING STONE JUNIOR SCHOOL	200601155
CHRIS HANI WEST	SUNRISE OF HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200601208
CHRIS HANI WEST	THE ACADEMY	200600119
CHRIS HANI WEST	UNCLE SAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	200601201
CHRIS HANI WEST	VICTORIUS KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL	200600068
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BUFFALO CITY	AFRICAN ANGELS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100179
BUFFALO CITY	ALTHORPE COLLEGE	200201004
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BUFFALO CITY	AMITEK BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL	200201097
BUFFALO CITY	ARABELLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	200200364
BUFFALO CITY	ARISING LITTLE ANGELS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200201082
BUFFALO CITY	ARISING LITTLE ANGELS ENGLISH MEDIUM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200201120
BUFFALO CITY	BEACON OF HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201113
BUFFALO CITY	BELLAFIDES PRIVATE SCHOOL	200200485
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BUFFALO CITY	Dreamland Primary	200201087
BUFFALO CITY	EAST LONDON MONTESSORI SCHOOL	200200878
BUFFALO CITY	EAST LONDON SCIENCE COLLEGE	200201035
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BUFFALO CITY	Gemrock Primary School	200201088
BUFFALO CITY	GINSBERG SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL	200200973
BUFFALO CITY	Glen Hill Private Primary School	200201089
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BUFFALO CITY	HARMONY EDUCATION PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201110
BUFFALO CITY	HARVEST CHRISTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201117
BUFFALO CITY	HOME OF MODERN LEARNING SECONDARY SCHOOL	200201114
BUFFALO CITY	HOPE SCHOOLS	200200310
BUFFALO CITY	ISAIAH 58 PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201055
BUFFALO CITY	JACK AND JILL PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201104
BUFFALO CITY	KINGS COLLEGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200201078
BUFFALO CITY	KING'S COLLEGE MTSOTSO	200200752
BUFFALO CITY	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL	200201102
BUFFALO CITY	Lighthouse Christian Primary School	200201090
BUFFALO CITY	MERRIFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE	200201040
BUFFALO CITY	MICHIEFIELD COLLEGE	200201103

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- Application form, with are submitted before or on 31 March of each year at the District office.
- Only registered independent schools are allowed to operate (Registration Certificate as evidence).
- An independent school may not operate unless it is registered with the relevant Provincial Education Department.
- A Head of Department must register an independent school if he or she is satisfied that— (a) the standards to be maintained by such school will not be inferior to the standards in comparable public schools.
- SASA (Section 46(4)) provides for penalty against/for/of any person that operates an unregistered independent school (i.e. an independent school that is not registered by the Provincial Head of Department).
- The school must be able to maintain standards that are not inferior to standards at public schools in the province.
- There must be a need for such a school in the area concerned, as determined by already existing schools, both private and public.

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BUFFALO CITY	NCM PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL	200201101
BUFFALO CITY	Our Saviour Primary School	200201096
BUFFALO CITY	REDWOOD COLLEGE GONUBIE	200201017
BUFFALO CITY	SAAAC EAST LONDON	200201100
BUFFALO CITY	Seven Star Primary School	200201093
BUFFALO CITY	SINAI ANGELS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201109
BUFFALO CITY	ST CHRIS COLLEGE	200100388
BUFFALO CITY	ST CHRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100387
BUFFALO CITY	ST CHRISTOPHERS PRIVATE SCHOOL	200201045
BUFFALO CITY	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE	200201099
BUFFALO CITY	ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201098
BUFFALO CITY	ST THOMAS PRIVATE SCHOOL	200801179
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BUFFALO CITY	SUNRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201108
BUFFALO CITY	TELEIOS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200201079
BUFFALO CITY	THE LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL	200200698
BUFFALO CITY	THE STUDY SQUAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	200201105
BUFFALO CITY	THE STUDY SQUAD SECONDARY SCHOOL	200201106
BUFFALO CITY	TOMORROW LEADERS	200201086
BUFFALO CITY	VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL	200201084



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CHRIS HANI EAST	JIM-JIM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200601199
CHRIS HANI EAST	NCORA PRIVATE SCHOOL	200404034
CHRIS HANI EAST	PENTECOST GENIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200300148
CHRIS HANI EAST	QUMANCO GREAT PLACE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200300302
CHRIS HANI EAST	RAINBOW PREPARATORY ACADEMY	200300866
CHRIS HANI EAST	S BUTSHINGI ACADEMY	200404047
CHRIS HANI EAST	ST LAWRENCE ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL	200601198
CHRIS HANI EAST	STEP AHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	200601160
CHRIS HANI EAST	STEPPING STONE	200801047
CHRIS HANI EAST	STONE HOUSE PRIVATE SCHOOL	200400057
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JOE GQABI	FLAMINGO HIGH SCHOOL	200601210
JOE GQABI	FLAMINGO PRIMARY SCHOOL	200600247
JOE GQABI	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	200601213
JOE GQABI	HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200600273
JOE GQABI	LAMPLIGHT CHILDREN MINISTRIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	200600299
JOE GQABI	NKOSI SIKELELE PRIVATE SCHOOL	200601156
JOE GQABI	St PAUL HILTON PRIVATE SCHOOL	200601194
JOE GQABI	STERKSPRUIT CHRISTIAN PRIVATE SCHOOL	200601149

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SARAH BAARTMAN	ALEXANDRIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	200801178
SARAH BAARTMAN	CALICO ACADEMY SECONDARY SCHOOL	200101058
SARAH BAARTMAN	CAPSTONE CHRISTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100292
SARAH BAARTMAN	CVO OMEGA AKADEMIE	200100806
SARAH BAARTMAN	DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS	200100171
SARAH BAARTMAN	EL SHADDAI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	200100172
SARAH BAARTMAN	GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	200101041
SARAH BAARTMAN	GRAHAMSTOWN SDA PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100272
SARAH BAARTMAN	HERMITAGE HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100224
SARAH BAARTMAN	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL	200100930
SARAH BAARTMAN	JBAY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100294
SARAH BAARTMAN	JBAY ACADEMY SECONDARY SCHOOL	200100298
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SARAH BAARTMAN	KOWIE FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL	200200206
SARAH BAARTMAN	PHAROS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100309
SARAH BAARTMAN	PORT ALFRED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHOOL	200101028
SARAH BAARTMAN	RAINBOW CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100316
SARAH BAARTMAN	ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE	200100916
SARAH BAARTMAN	ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100953
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OR TAMBO INLAND	CHRISSEM COMPREHESIVE CHRISTION SCHOOL	200400828
OR TAMBO INLAND	CHRIST THE KING INTERNATIONAL	200404018
OR TAMBO INLAND	DREAMLAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL	200400444
OR TAMBO INLAND	E.L. ROI HOUSE ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL	200404051
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OR TAMBO INLAND	GLADYS KING JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL	200401395
OR TAMBO INLAND	GOOD SHEPHERD ENGLISH SCHOOL	200400830
OR TAMBO INLAND	H2 PRIMARY SCHOOL	200401391
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ORTAMBO INLAND	KHANYA PRIMARY ZIMBANE	200501618
ORTAMBO INLAND	KHANYA SECONDARY SCHOOL	200401410
ORTAMBO INLAND	KHANYISA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL	200401303
ORTAMBO INLAND	KIDLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	200401309
ORTAMBO INLAND	KINGS COMMERCIAL COLLEGE	200401390
ORTAMBO INLAND	LITTLE WILLOW FOUNDATION SCHOOL	200404033
ORTAMBO INLAND	MODEL PRIVATE SCHOOL	200401402
ORTAMBO INLAND	NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	200401220
ORTAMBO INLAND	Pink and Blue Kindergate Primary	200404042
ORTAMBO INLAND	QUMBU COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	200401408
ORTAMBO INLAND	RIVER JORDAAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	200400687
ORTAMBO INLAND	ROSELAND PRIVATE SCHOOL	200501467
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OR TAMBO COASTAL	EL Shadaai PS	200404040
OR TAMBO COASTAL	GEORGE HAMILTON	200501598
OR TAMBO COASTAL	HAMBANATHI ACADEMY	200601205
OR TAMBO COASTAL	HIGHLIGHT PRIVATE SCHOOL	200501827
OR TAMBO COASTAL	KHANYISA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200501481
OR TAMBO COASTAL	LIBODE PRIVATE SCHOOL	200404031
OR TAMBO COASTAL	LUSIKISIKI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200501593
OR TAMBO COASTAL	LUZUKOLWAKHE SECONDARY SCHOOL	200404046
OR TAMBO COASTAL	MARILLIER'S LEARNING ACADEMY	200601189
OR TAMBO COASTAL	NOAH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	200400957
OR TAMBO COASTAL	NOBUHLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	200401404
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OR TAMBO COASTAL	SUNNY-SIDE	200501597
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NELSON MANDELA	AMADEUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200101022
NELSON MANDELA	BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200200982
NELSON MANDELA	BAY THE BAPTIST ACADEMY	200101057
NELSON MANDELA	BET EL CHRISTELIKE AKADEMIE	200100200
NELSON MANDELA	BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN LEARNING ACADEMY	200100924
NELSON MANDELA	BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN PRIMARY LEARNING ACADEMY	200100011
NELSON MANDELA	BONZAI HIGH KARIEGA	200101054
NELSON MANDELA	BONZAI HIGH SCHOOL	200101052
NELSON MANDELA	BONZAI KABEGA PRIMARY	200101053
NELSON MANDELA	BONZAI KARIEGA PRIMARY SCHOOL	200101056
NELSON MANDELA	BRYLIN LEARNING CENTRE	200100977
NELSON MANDELA	CALEDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL	200101023
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NELSON MANDELA	EBENEZER JUNIOR SCHOOL	200100990
NELSON MANDELA	EDUPLANET INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200100286
NELSON MANDELA	ELSEN BRIDGING SCHOOL	200101021
NELSON MANDELA	EMINENCE PRIMARY	200101055
NELSON MANDELA	EZRA PRIMARY SCHOOL	200101066
NELSON MANDELA	FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200100962
NELSON MANDELA	GOLDWATER PREPARATORY SCHOOL	200100108
NELSON MANDELA	HAPPY HOME ACADEMY	200100083
NELSON MANDELA	HARVEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200100295
NELSON MANDELA	HEATHERBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100280
NELSON MANDELA	INSIGHT LEARNING CENTRE	200101031
NELSON MANDELA	KABEGA CHRISTELIKE SKOOL	200100973
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NELSON MANDELA	NASRUDDIN ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL	200101034
NELSON MANDELA	NASRUDDIN ISLAMIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100552
NELSON MANDELA	NASRUDDIN ISLAMIC SCHOOL	200101037
NELSON MANDELA	NEW BRIGHTON SDA PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100560
NELSON MANDELA	NORMOYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200101040
NELSON MANDELA	SOLID FOUNDATION ACADEMY	200100095
NELSON MANDELA	ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL	200100794
NELSON MANDELA	ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100733
NELSON MANDELA	ST MARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL	200100986
NELSON MANDELA	STEDIN COLLEGE	200101049
NELSON MANDELA	STEDIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	200101050
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NELSON MANDELA	THEODOR HERZL HIGH SCHOOL	200100895
NELSON MANDELA	UBUNTU PRIMARY SCHOOL	200100369
NELSON MANDELA	URBAN ACADEMY	200100090
NELSON MANDELA	VICTORY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	200100135
NELSON MANDELA	Victory Leadership Senior Academy	200101046
NELSON MANDELA	WILLOW ACADEMY	200100870
NELSON MANDELA	WINGS DISCOVERY SCHOOL	200100324
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ALFRED NZO WEST	KINGS HARVEST PRIMARY SCHOOL	200500325
ALFRED NZO WEST	MT FRERE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	200404018
ALFRED NZO WEST	OASIS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	200404037
ALFRED NZO WEST	ROSELAND PRIVATE SCHOOL	200500783
ALFRED NZO WEST	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL	200500234
ALFRED NZO WEST	SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	200501563
ALFRED NZO WEST	ST MONICAS DIOCESAN	200501589
ALFRED NZO WEST	SUNSHINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	200501590
ALFRED NZO WEST	VUKARISE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	200501608
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AMATHOLE WEST	INTLANTSI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200200834
AMATHOLE WEST	KAT RIVER VALLEY MONTESSORY	200801175
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AMATHOLE WEST	LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY OF LEARNING	200201085
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AMATHOLE EAST	CANAAN ACADEMY	200300874
AMATHOLE EAST	CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL	200300884
AMATHOLE EAST	DIVINE MASTER ACADEMY	200300074
AMATHOLE EAST	EBENEZA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200300030
AMATHOLE EAST	EMMANUEL PRIMARY SCHOOL	200300873
AMATHOLE EAST	EXECUTIVE ACADEMY	200401413
AMATHOLE EAST	FIRST STEP MONTESSORI BUTTERWORTH	200300882
AMATHOLE EAST	GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	200300031
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AMATHOLE EAST	HIGHVIEW COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	200300877
AMATHOLE EAST	IDUTYWA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	200401414