GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

No. 166 08-03-2013

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 84 of 1996)

AMENDED NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of section 35 read with section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, 1996, (Act 84 of 1996) and with paragraphs 110 and 112 of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSSF), after consultation with the Minister of Finance and the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish amendments to the NNSSF. The NNSSF were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006.

The NNSSF are hereby amended by updating the:

- 1. National Targets Table (Par. 109 of the NNSSF) to include 2014 and 2015 indicative target amounts; and the
- 2. National Poverty Distribution Table (Par. 111 of the NNSSF)

The amendment is contained in the Schedule. The effective date for implementation of this amendment will be 1 January 2013.

MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP Minister of Basic Education Date: 17 02 2013

SCHEDULE

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Notice No. 558, Government Gazette No. 34803 of 2 December 2011 is hereby updated to include 2015 target amounts. The no fee threshold will be R926 in 2013:

	2013	2014*	2015*
NQ1	R 1,010	R 1,059	R 1,108
NQ2	R 1,010	R 1,059	R 1,108
NQ3	R 1,010	R 1,059	R 1,108
NQ4	R 505	R 530	R 554
NQ5	R 174	R 183	R 191
Overall	R 742	R 778	R 814
No fee threshold	R 926	R 1,059	R 1,108
Small schools: National fixed amount	R 23,373	R 24,519	R 25,646

^{*} Indicative - CPI inflation rate adjusted

[2014 and 2015 figures inflation adjusted - CPI inflation - National Treasury: Budget Review]

In terms of Paragraph 112 of the NNSSF, the National Poverty Distribution Table (Paragraph 111 of the NNSSF) published in Government Gazette No 32683 of 6 November 2009, is hereby updated and should be used as the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2013:

National Poverty Distribution Table									
Quintiles									
	%	1 poorest	2	3	4	5	Total		
EC		27.3	24.7	19.6	17	11.4	100%		
FS		20.5	20.9	22.4	20.8	15.4	100%		
GP		14.1	14.7	17.9	21.9	31.4	100%		
KZN		22.1	23.2	20.2	18.7	15.8	100%		
LP		28.2	24.6	24.2	14.9	8	100%		
MP		23.1	24.1	21.5	17.7	13.5	100%		
NC		21.5	19.3	20.7	21.4	17.1	100%		
NW		25.6	22.3	20.8	17.6	13.7	100%		
WC		8.6	13.3	18.4	28	31.7	100%		
SA		20	20	20	20	20	100%		

In terms of section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, I hereby determine all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 (60% of the public school learners nationally) to be in no fee schools for 2013.

If funds are available, the PED may offer Q4 and Q5 schools no fee status at least at the threshold level of R960 voluntarily. In declaring these fee charging schools as no fee schools, the PED needs to ensure all these schools are informed that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2013. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.

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