TO: HEADS OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: CURRICULUM

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

SPELLING BEE AND READING CLUBS PROGRAMME 01 OF 2015

RE: CALL FOR SCHOOLS TO REGISTER IN THE 2015 “DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA”

1. As part of the Integrated National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy: A Whole School Approach, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) successfully hosted the first Spelling Bee on 10 October 2014 in Pretoria. This is a campaign to improve learners’ performance in languages, especially in English.

2. This was a culmination of many months of implementation in provinces whereby each province sent three champion spellers to compete at the first ever DBE National Spelling Bee. The event was a huge success.

3. Following this success, a call is hereby made for schools to encourage learners to participate in the Spelling Bee programme once more in 2015.

4. The procedure for participation in the 2015 Spelling Bee is for schools to complete the attached form which must be stamped by the school Principal and faxed/sent through the line function in the province.

5. The Intermediate phase (Grade 4-6) is the only category that is eligible to participate in the competition. The Competition will be held only in English.

6. Upon receipt of the registration form, the relevant official in the province will organise a workshop to clarify the rules of the competition as well as conduct elimination rounds up to the provincial level.
7. The DBE will receive the names of the provincial winners and host a Spelling Competition in October 2015 at a venue still to be confirmed.

8. Spelling words for use by learners can be accessed on Thutong Portal under School Enrichment and Sport section and also on the home page of the main website (www.education.gov.za) by typing “2015 DBE Spelling Bee SA words” and searching the website.

9. The closing date for the registration of the competition is 31 March 2015.

10. For further enquiries, kindly contact Dr S Mannah, Acting-Chief Director: Social Inclusion and Partnerships on 012 357 3368 email, Mannah.s@dbe.gov.za.

11. Participation in the programme is free.

12. Your commitment in ensuring that the "The Department of Basic Education Spelling Bee South Africa" is a success is highly appreciated.

MR SG PADAYACHEE
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 2014/12/12
Annexure A

SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION FORM:

THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA

Send/Fax/email this form to the line function in your province

Name of School: ____________________________________________

Telephone number: (____) ______________

Fax Number: (____) ______________

Postal Address: ____________________________________________

Code __________

Email Address: ____________________________________________

Emis Number: ____________________________________________

Name of the principal and contact details: _______________________

Name of learner taking part (Intermediate Phase only)

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

SCHOOL STAMP

NB: Write on separate page and attach to the form if space is not enough

(Adapted from SABC "I am a reader project": http://vcmsstatic.sabc.co.za [Accessed 2013/01/28]
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<td>Conduct workshops for registered schools to prepare for the competition</td>
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