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TO : DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
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DISTRICT DIRECTORS
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
SGBs
LABOUR ORGANISATIONS

FROM : ACTING SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

DATE : 28 APRIL 2016

SUBJECT : **SCHOOLS AS VOTING STATIONS FOR 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

1. In 2016 the country is going for Local Government Elections. Given the importance of this National priority programme we are up in arms to make it a success in our areas of operation.
2. Our Public Schools are declared as voting stations, something that places a huge responsibility on all of us in the sector to ensure that this programme is a success.
3. Working with their respective governing bodies all principals are required to:
 - 3.1. Ensure that **schools are accessible to IEC and other organs of state that prepare and participate in these elections**. It is a known fact that government departments have their different roles and responsibilities assigned to them to render this programme a success.
 - 3.2. Hand over school keys to the presiding officers of the respective voting stations.
 - 3.3. Deal with any impediment in executing this national Programme.
 - 3.4. Report immediately to the Police and the Department of Education anything that seems to be a threat to the smooth-running of this programme.
4. District Directors and Cluster Chief Directors are further required to work tirelessly to deal with any challenge militating against these elections.
5. Relevant form of disciplinary action will be taken against any departmental employee who tries to or frustrates this programme in any manner.



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6. Lastly, all teachers and other departmental officials who participate in the election process as either presiding officers or members of IEC staff in the voting stations required to get written permission from the local District Directors in order for them to execute this important national responsibility.

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