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Memo

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Subject: **National School Nutrition Programme Implementation**

Dear Colleagues

I wish to express my appreciation for your support with regards to compliance with the Equal Education Gauteng North court order. The journey is not over yet and the need to optimise continuous provision of nutritious meals to learners still stands.

Kindly note that more pressure is being received from stakeholders regarding feeding of vulnerable learners during school holidays. While we are clear that the funding from National Treasury only covers school days and holidays resulting from a national disaster, it is also important that we creatively start exploring practical alternatives to lighten the plight of these learners. I trust that we will have opportunity to thresh out this matter during upcoming inter-provincial   meetings.

In the meantime, I wish to propose the following for provinces that transfer funds to schools: any 2020-21 financial year surplus funds at school level be utilised to provide food parcels to the most vulnerable learners for April 2021 school holidays. Please inform schools accordingly.

Furthermore, continuous feeding of learners is still a priority in the 2021-22 financial year. Your support will still be appreciated during this unprecedented time and assist to conclude the court order.

Lastly, please ensure that expenditure levels are improved as far as possible within the prescripts of the approved amended business plans. Kindly ensure that all invoices for February and part of March 2021 are received from service providers and accordingly processed.

Warm regards

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DATE: 11/03/21