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Dear Mrs Maasdorp

WITHDRAWAL OF CIRCULAR S14 OF 2020 ON THE ADJUSTED STRATEGY FOR THE POLICY ON HOME EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

Circular S14 of 2020, outlining the adjusted strategy for the implementation of the Policy on Home Education during the COVID-19 pandemic, was approved on 18 December 2020. Its purpose was to provide guidance on the application of specific aspects of the policy during a period when normal procedures were disrupted by the pandemic. The circular further identified key policy provisions that required temporary relaxation to accommodate the evolving circumstances and directed Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) to establish Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) structures to collaborate on operational and administrative matters related to Home Education.

The PEDs successfully implemented the provisions of the circular to ensure that learners were able to access education through home education. Provincial JLC structures convened meetings with PEDs, and a National Task Team was also established, comprising representatives from the provincial JLCs.

Following the lifting of all COVID-19 restrictions, the temporary provisions of Circular S14 of 2020 were no longer required, and regular policy measures have since resumed. The circular has, therefore, served its intended purpose and must now be formally withdrawn.

Accordingly, please find the attached circular, the purpose of which is to formally withdraw Circular S14 of 2020 in its entirety (**Annexure A**).

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PEDs may, however, continue to establish and maintain forums of engagement with parents of learners registered for home education, or with the broader home education community, as deemed necessary or appropriate within their operational contexts.

For further information, kindly contact Mr EJ Ngcobo at Ngcobo.J@dbe.gov.za or 012 357 3272, copying Mrs LZ Brown at Brown.L@dbe.gov.za or 012 357 4106.

I thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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