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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1730 **7 February 2022**

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) for 2022 to 2024 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 2022.

MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
Minister of Basic Education
Date: 23 January 2022

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SCHEDULE

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Gazette No. 44254 Government Notice No. 192, of 10 March 2021 is hereby updated to include 2024 target amounts. The no fee threshold will be R1 536 in 2022.

National table of targets for the school allocation (2022 – 2024)

	2022	2023*	2024*
NQ1 - NQ3	R1 536	R1 602	R1 674
NQ4	R770	R803	R839
NQ5	R266	R277	R290
No fee threshold	R1 536	R1 602	R1 674
Small schools: National fixed amount	R35 598	R37 129	R38 800

*2023 and 2024 figures inflation adjusted – Consumer Price Index (CPI) projected inflation rate adjusted.

No new data is available to update the national poverty distribution table (Paragraph 111 of the NNSSF) In terms of Paragraph 112 of the NNSSF. The table which was published in Government Gazette No. 44254 Government Notice No. 192, of 10 March 2021, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2022:

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 2022.

If funds are available, and after taking into consideration the possible funding implications this may have on other poverty related programmes involving no fee schools, the Provincial Education Department (PED) may offer Q4 and Q5 schools no fee status at least at the threshold level of R 1,536 voluntarily. In declaring these fee charging schools as no fee schools, the PEDs need to ensure all these schools are informed that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2022. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.