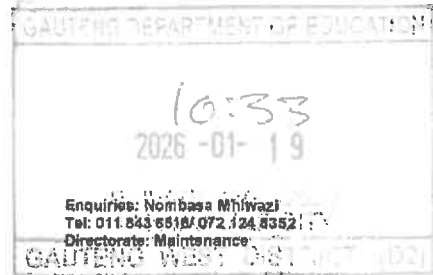




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DEPLETION OF FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE IN THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR.

Dear Principals and SGB members

We regret to inform you that the allocated budget for infrastructure maintenance for the current financial year has been fully depleted. As a result, the Department of Education Head Office will not be able to respond to requests for material work or maintenance projects at schools until further notice.

We understand the importance of maintaining safe and conducive learning environments and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Alternative arrangements, such as exploring cost-effective solutions or seeking external funding, may be necessary to address urgent maintenance needs. We encourage schools to prioritize essential repairs and explore available options.

We will communicate updates on the allocation of future funds and revisit maintenance requests once resources become available.

For urgent concerns that may pose health and safety risks, please promptly forward them to the call center for Maintenance Office for record, assessment and consideration for approval. This will assist the department to ensure that action is taken to prevent potential harm.

We will appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this period.

Yours sincerely

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