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TO : ALL DISTRICT DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE 2026/27 NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING (NNSSF) ALLOCATIONS

Dear Colleagues,

1. The purpose of this letter is to inform all Chief Directors, District Directors and Principals of public schools of the payment arrangements for the second tranche of the 2026/27 National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSSF) allocations.

2. In terms of paragraph 121A of the NNSSF, the second tranche of allocations is due to be transferred to public schools on or before 15 November 2026. The Gauteng Department of Education acknowledges this obligation and recognises the importance of timely transfers in enabling schools to meet their operational requirements and ensure the continued delivery of quality education.

3. However, due to the cash-flow constraints currently experienced by the Department during the 2026/27 financial year, it will not be possible to transfer the full second tranche allocation to all schools by the prescribed date.

4. Consequently, the Department has developed a phased payment approach, whereby the second tranche of NNSSF allocations will be paid progressively from November 2026 to March 2027, subject to the availability of cash.

5. The Department remains committed to fulfilling its funding obligations and will continue to prioritise school transfers as funds become available. Every effort will be made to ensure that the outstanding allocations are settled within the indicated period.

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6. Schools are therefore advised to take note of the revised payment arrangements and plan their expenditure, accordingly, prioritising essential operational commitments to ensure continuity in teaching and learning, especially LTSM and municipal services.

7. District Directors are requested to communicate this information to all affected schools within their respective districts and provide the necessary support and guidance regarding financial planning during this period.

8. The Department acknowledges the challenges that the phased payment arrangement may present to schools and appreciates their understanding and cooperation as it continues to manage the prevailing cash-flow constraints.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

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