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TO : **CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTORS**
DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CES's: ESSS
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL'S COORDINATORS
PRINCIPALS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

FROM : **SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL**

SUBJECT : **NOTICE OF SUBSIDY WITHDRAWAL TO UNDERPEFORMING INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (2010/11)**

DATE : **14 JANUARY 2010**

1. Policy Regulation for Independent schools and South African Schools' Act (SASA) clearly stipulate that Independent schools are expected to maintain standards that are not inferior to standards at Public schools in the province. Refer to policy clause 3 (3) (b).

2. The above implies that the performance of Independent schools must have a final Grade 12 pass rate equal to or higher than the average public school pass rate in the previous years.

3. The provincial pass rate for 2009 Grade 12 is 51%.

4. Performance trends reflect that most independent schools have consistently obtained below 50% despite several warnings from the Department.

5. In lieu of the above schools that have not performed to the expected level shall have their subsidies withdrawn for 2010/11 in line with paragraph 177 (4) of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding as amended.

6. Failure to improve performance, the Department will have no option but to deregister the school

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PROF.RH NENGWEKHULU
SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL