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Covid19 Circular No. 02 of 2020

COVID19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR NO-FEE SCHOOLS

1. The Department made a determination that schools would be regularly cleaned and sanitised for the health and safety of teachers, learners and the school community, an undertaking which has additional financial implications not budgeted for. The Department has learnt that cleaning in no-fee schools is a challenge. The ring-fenced NSS Funding debars schools from temporarily contracting cleaners. On the other hand, fundraising by no-fee schools cannot be guaranteed to offset monthly cleaning services expenditure incurred.
2. In its endeavour to address this plight, the Departments has made a decision to temporarily relax certain provisions in the Provincial *Prescripts for the Management of Funds in Public Schools* pertaining to NSSF. The conceived changes will affect paragraph 6.4, subparagraph 6.4.1 (i, ii, iii, v, vi, and vii). The following NSSF allocations would be reallocated to Covid19 related expenditure:
 - 2.1.1 Out of 50% allocated for Curriculum, 10% would be reallocated to Covid19 related expenditure

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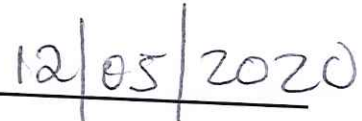
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- 2.1.2 School development, minor repairs and maintenance allocation of 14% in terms of subparagraph 6.4.1 (ii)
 - 2.1.3 Out of 10% allocated for Transport, 5% would be reallocated to Covid19 related expenditure
 - 2.1.4 Sports allocation of 10% in terms of subparagraph 6.4.1 (v)
 - 2.1.5 Cleaning materials and maintenance of ablution facilities allocation of 5% in terms of subparagraph 6.4.1 (vi) and
 - 2.1.6 Transport towards bereavement allocation of 1% in terms of subparagraph 6.4.1 (vii)
3. The total reallocation of funds towards Covid19 related expenditure by No-fee schools would therefore average 45% of the NSSF. These monies would be utilised to contract cleaner(s), procure gloves and cleaning materials in order to comply with safety and hygiene as required in terms of the *Standard Operating Procedures for the containment/management of COVID-19 for schools*.
 4. This makeshift arrangement is valid until the 31 December 2020 and will be reviewed as and when circumstances dictate. School Governing Bodies are directed to coordinate a review of the budget in line with the Covid19 Precautionary Measures For No-Fee Schools
 5. Department will closely monitor schools to check adherence to safety measures as outlined by the DBE and the *New guidelines for school grounds amid COVID-19*.



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