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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

APPROVAL FOR THE CONDUCT OF A PILOT STUDY IN SELECTED SCHOOLS IN ALL PROVINCES WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING PREVIOUSLY MARGINALISED AFRICAN LANGUAGES IN SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of *Sections 3(4)(d) and 3(4)(m) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)* and together with *section 6 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, approve the conduct of a pilot study in the Foundation Phase with the aim of promoting and developing previously marginalised African Languages at First Additional Language level in South African schools.
2. The pilot study will be conducted during the period, 1 January until 31 December 2014, in a minimum of 10 selected schools per province in all nine provinces.
3. The pilot study will focus on the:
 - (a) promotion and development of the nine previously marginalised African Languages to ensure that non-English and non-Afrikaans home language speakers attending schools where neither English nor Afrikaans is the language of learning and teaching, are able to rely on their own language proficiency during their assessments; and

- (b) establishment of additive multilingualism as an approach to language in education in South African schools, with the view to exposing all non-African language speakers to African languages.
4. The selection of the schools will be done in conjunction with the nine Provincial Education Departments, while the selection of a previously marginalised African Language will be done in cooperation with the school governing body of the relevant school.
5. Learners in the selected pilot schools will be indemnified against any infringement of the programme and promotion requirements, and time allocation pertaining to the relevant grade in which the pilot study is conducted, as stipulated in the policy document, *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R-12, Government Gazette No. 34600 of 12 September 2011* which may occur during the pilot study.

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