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**TO : CLUSTER GENERAL MANAGERS
DISTRICT MANAGERS**

SCHOOL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR GRADE 1 LEARNERS: 02 – 31 AUGUST 2010

1. KZN Circular 17 of 2010 dated 23 February 2010 refers.
2. Your cooperation with regard to the Polio and Measles immunisation Campaign is much appreciated. The campaign took place from 12 April – 07 May. We are grateful to inform you that 90% of schools were reached with coverage of 82% of the targeted learners between ages 5 – 15 years. Some challenges were that consent forms by parents were not returned back to schools; the Dept of Health also experienced challenges with transport and to meet time frames as was planned; Dept of Health works within the demarcated municipal boundaries, whereas the Dept of Education boundaries are slightly different. The Dept of Health has expressed their gratitude with regard to the cooperation of District Managers and School Principals.
3. The School Health Screening of Grade 1 Learners: As indicated in Circular 17 of 2010, the National Minister of Basic Education has announced in Parliament that Grade 1 learners will be screened for vision, hearing and oral health. A full physical -, height and weight assessment will also be conducted. A joint National Task Team was established and the following recommendations were made to Provinces to implement: All Grade 1 learners in Quintile 1 schools within the priority areas of the Dept of Health will be screened; Due to the measles outbreak in KZN, it was agreed that the proposed health screening will only take place during the month of August 2010. Relevant Departmental officials such as Speech and Language Therapists and professional nurses will be requested to assist with the health screening process during August 2010.
4. The health of our learners is important to us and District Directors are kindly requested to assist the Dept of Health with these campaigns as this was a decision that was taken by the Director-General of the National Dept of Basic Education.
5. An urgent meeting has been scheduled by the Dept of Health to plan the implementation of the Health Screening. District Directors are therefore requested to nominate a relevant official from SDSS to act as health coordinator for the District as well as an official from G&M to assist the Dept of Health for this campaign and other future programmes of the Dept of Health. Mrs Mollie Kemp is the Provincial Coordinator and can be contacted at 0824631968

**DATE : TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010
TIME : 10:00
VENUE : NATALIA BUILDING, LANGALIBALELE ROAD, PIETERMARITZBURG**

6. Your cooperation and support is much appreciated.

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GENERAL MANAGER: ESDSS**

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