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PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

FINANCE CIRCULAR NO 04 OF 2020

NON-PAYMENT OF DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS BY PUBLIC ORDINARY SCHOOLS IN TERMS OF SECTION 21(d) OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT NO. 84 OF 1996

On an annual basis, the department transfers funds to Public Ordinary Schools schools that have Section 21 (d) function d in accordance with the requirements of the SASA, ACT NO 84 OF 1996, as amended. These funds are intended to cover non personnel recurrent items for the school, including the payment of domestic (municipal) accounts.

The department has noted with concern an alarming increase in Public Ordinary Schools that are not utilising these funds for the purpose of the payment of domestic (municipal) accounts and are defaulting against municipalities, despite amounts transferred to the schools' accounts.

It should be brought to the attention of all School Principals and Governing Bodies, that the department will be forced to institute consequence management procedures against schools being found to be defaulting on the payment of domestic (municipal) accounts, having been provided with the funds dedicated for that purpose.

Due to covid-19 the need for these services has become even more exacerbated. School principals and governing bodies must take full responsibility for payment of domestic accounts .

In instances where a school finds that they are having difficulty in meeting their obligations, they will be required to submit a detailed motivation to their relevant district office regarding possible assistance whereby as a prerequisite, an internal investigation will be carried out to resolve the matter.

Your faithfully

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