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FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : ADDRESSING SCHOOL FURNITURE SHORTAGE

The Mpumalanga Department has allocated **R 7 million** to urgently address the shortages of desks and chairs to deserving schools.

Each District is expected to procure these (desks and chairs) based on the requisitions from schools and this must be done before the end of **February 2013**.

The District officials and principals were also urged to work with communities through the **Rhandza Xikolo Xa Wena Campaign (love your School Campaign)** to limit instances of vandalising and stealing of school material since these rob the children of what they deserve.

The Department will in addition to this, set aside **R30 million** in the 2013/14 financial year towards moving to achieve the goal of every child having a chair and desk.

Other options that are being considered include the collaboration with institutions such as the Department of Correctional Services, Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust and FET Colleges for a sustainable and cost effective measures that can be put in place to address furniture shortages in schools.

“ We needed to do this as a commitment to create conducive teaching and learning school environment and I take this time to request principals to provide the Department authentic and reliable statistics of shortages and to ensure that the school resources are properly secured at all times” MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule

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