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FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : LAUNCH CARING 4 GIRLS INITIATIVE

The MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule in collaboration with Imbumba Foundation and the Banking Association South Africa cordially invites you to the launch of the Caring4Girls Programme in an event scheduled as follows:

Date : 03 September 2013 (Tuesday)

Time : 12H00

Venue : Elukwatini Community Hall, Gert Sibande District.

The Minister of Basic Education, Mrs. Angie Motshekga will deliver the Keynote Address in this event.

Background

Caring for Girls initiative (Caring4Girls) was stated by the founder and visionary Richard, Mabaso, of Luphisi Village in Mpumalanga.

This initiative is complimented by summiting Mount Kilimanjaro on Mandela Day since 2012- termed "Trek4Mandela" where Richard summits with Sibusiso Vilane to raise awareness and funding to address the plight of needy girls who need support with sanitary towels and to make sure we keep the girls at school.

They developed a booklet that empowers girl learners to understand their development and matters relating to puberty, adolescence and menstrual hygiene.

This booklet is endorsed by the Mpumalanga Department of Education and **50 000** copies have been developed to be circulated to all secondary schools within the province.

This initiative targets orphaned and vulnerable girls, those from poor communities and it intend to empower girls so that they could be in a position to take informed decisions about their future.

The overall intention is to keep the girl child in school and to ensure that teenage pregnancy, drop out rate and absenteeism from school is curbed

The partnership for caring4girls includes the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Imbumba Foundation and Banking Association South Africa.

The latter is pioneering a Teach Children to Save SA Programme.

The media is invited.

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