

**TO : NEWS EDITORS**

**FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**SUBJECT : FRAUDSTER STEALS FROM SCHOOL**

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The Mpumalanga Department of Education would like to alert all schools of an ongoing scam, where a man claiming to be employed by the office of the Premier or the Mpumalanga Department of Education contacts them informing them that they are going to receive a donation of computers.

The scam began around November 2010, where this man contacted a number of schools in the Ehlanzeni District using the name of Mpumalanga Premier Mr. David Mabuza or calls himself Mr. JR Nkosi, an official within the department. He contacted these schools and promised that the Office of the Premier wants to donate computers to the schools but the schools have to pay R 3000 for delivery.

One school fell victim to this scam and paid the amount requested for the supposed delivery of these donated computers. It is only when he tried to con the second school in the District that he was caught out.

Schools should be aware of such occurrences and be alert that all donations made to the school will officially be delivered by the provincial department of education.

The department appeals to all schools, especially principals to heed this warning and act immediately if such a situation arises in their school.

**Issued by the Communication Directorate**

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