

TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION IN EIGHT YEARS

The Mpumalanga Department of Education welcomes an Unqualified Audit Opinion for the first time in eight years.

Of significance is that this Audit Outcome adds impetus to government's endeavours on its Operation Clean Audit in 2014 and it lays the basis for good things to come from the Department.

The Auditor General responsibility is to express an opinion of the financial statements of Departments as required by section 188 of the constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996(ACT No 108 of 1996)and section 4 of the Public Audit Act of South Africa,2004(Act No 25 of 2004) (PAA) and section 40(2) of PFMA, concluded that:

- In his opinion, financial statements of the Mpumalanga Department of Education present fairly, in all material respect ,the financial position of the Mpumalanga Department of Education as at 31March 2011.
- The Departmental cash flows ended in accordance with the Departmental Financial Reporting Framework prescribed by the National Treasury and the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act and Division of Revenue Act

Addressing the Head Office staff, the MEC for Education said

“We therefore need to ensure that going forward we work collaboratively to address matters of importance once and for all by:

- *Avoiding irregular and non- compliance issues*
- *Getting three quotations on any transaction between the value of*

R 10 000 to R500 000.

- *Declaration of interest to be complied with when necessary*
- *Declare instances where employees perform remunerative work outside their employment*
- *Ensure that all the time suppliers need to provide written proof from the SARS stating that their tax matters are in order*
- *That payments are settled within 30 days on receipt of the invoice*

We must work together to ensure that there is constant and practical monitoring of processing and reconciliation of transactions, prepare regular and accurate financial and performance reports and ensure that financial reports are always accurate and complete

In doing this we will be able to rekindle the credibility of the Department and our systems and service delivery will be improved”

End

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