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PRINCIPALS OF ALL SCHOOLS
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<p>EXAMINATIONS AND THE NON-PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES</p>

The Department of Education receives a large number of complaints from parents and learners. This is a cause for concern. Many of the complaints received are about learners being deprived of the opportunity to write examinations, both internal and public, because of the non-payment of school fees.

Principals are reminded that this practice is contrary to the South African Schools Act of 1996 as amended and the regulations thereto. No learner may be prejudiced if school fees remain unpaid.

Kindly note that Principals that deprive learners of the opportunity to write examinations due to the non-payment of school fees will face disciplinary action in terms of the regulations.

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