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Dear Mr Maphumulo

I acknowledge receipt of your email of 18 June 2010.

Please note that the Western Cape government is fully committed to the provision of text books to all learners, as we believe they are a vital learning tool. For this reason the Western Cape Education Department has allocated enormous financial and other resources in ensuring our schools are text rich environments. As part of this commitment, the WCED has striven to ensure that Grades 10, 11 and 12 learners are provided with the relevant textbooks.

In terms of national policy, schools receive a norms and standards funding allocation for textbooks, with which it is their responsibility to purchase textbooks. All schools which are no fee high schools have received significant mounts in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to buy textbooks. Schools must then determine their textbook requirements and ensure retention of textbooks at the end of each school year.

However, in the Western Cape, provision of textbooks has not been limited to this policy arrangement. As a demonstration of the seriousness of our commitment to text-rich environments, the WCED has allocated an additional R100 million for the purchase of text books in addition to the nationally prescribed norms and standards allocation.

In a third initiative aimed at ensuring the availability of textbooks to grade 12 learners, the Western Cape provided an additional 15 000 textbooks to Grade 12 learners in April 2010.

Finally, the WCED has embarked on a further survey to identify where there may still be textbook shortages. This survey and the related costs will be completed by the start of the third term.

The schools named in your email, Kwamfundo and Chris Hani are two of the schools being considered for additional textbooks and will be informed by the District Director of the outcome of the survey.

Yours sincerely

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