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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### NATIONAL SCHOOLS PLEDGE

#### CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL SCHOOLS PLEDGE

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby invite comments from the public and interested parties on the draft National Schools Pledge contained in Annexure A of this document.

The National Schools Pledge is based on the values of the Constitution.

The objectives of the Pledge are:

- (a) To promote civic participation and responsibility among young people;
- (b) To evoke national pride and unity; and
- (c) To promote social cohesion and nation-building.

Learners will be expected to recite the Pledge at least once a week at a school assembly and other suitable occasions.

All comments should be in writing and must reach the Department of Education not later than 20 March 2008.

Written comments, which should indicate the name and postal, email and telephone contact details (if available) of the person, governing body or organization submitting the comments, may be sent to:

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