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TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

ENDORSEMENT: MOT HIGH SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

It gives me great pleasure to attest to the MOT HIGH SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME in addressing the needs of youth at risk and barriers to learning that present themselves at our schools. This Norwegian –developed programme, using the word "courage" as its motto, is crucially vital to schools in supporting learners to achieve.

As part of the cohort that was trained in facilitation, I immediately realised and recognised the fact that this programme would not only support schools in managing learner discipline, but that it will also address the chasm faced by learners who are on the margins. The programme is a holistic one, harnessing the potential of leading students in supporting weaker/ struggling learners to become active participants in their own learning as well as contributing to learner achievement at our institutions.

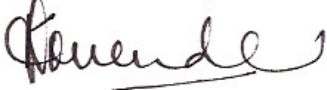
It further contributes to developing a positive self-concept in learners who have a poorly developed sense of the self as a result of socio-economic and socio-psychological barriers. The fact that the programme engages these learners in a positive, warmly inviting manner, means that these youth at risk will feel welcome in the schools and want to contribute to their own learning and personal development.

It is envisaged that as a result, learner attendance will increase, and the dropout rate reduced. Throughput rates of learners into Grade 12 and tertiary institutions will be positively influenced as well. The success of the programme at FET Colleges like Northlink College bears testimony to this.

The programme is a three year one, thereby ensuring sustainability and accountability for success.

It is hoped that schools will embrace the intervention as a much needed tool to develop their learners and thereby contribute to the schools being positive learning environments for the holistic development of the child.

Yours faithfully

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