

“**member**” means a member of a school governing body of a public school in the Northern Cape as defined in Section 23(1), 24(1) of SASA.

“**member of staff**” means a person appointed according to the Public Service Act, 1994 (Act No.103 of 1994), or the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996), as amended, and who is not an educator at a school;

“**Member of the Executive Council**” means the Member of the Executive Council of the Province of Northern Cape, responsible for Education in the Province;

“**Official**” means office based employee of the Department employed in terms of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998 (Act No. 76 of 1998), as amended, or the Public Service Act, 1994 (Act No.103 of 1994);

“**principal**” means an educator appointed or acting as the head of a public school; and

“**Public School**” means a public school which enrolls learners in one or more grades from grade R (reception) to grade 12 including, where applicable, a special needs school and a school that provides education with a specialised focus on talent.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to –

- (a) promote a standard Code of Conduct that is applicable to all members of governing bodies;
- (b) assist members in conducting themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct;
- (c) establish minimum standards of expected behaviour for members of governing bodies;
- (d) assist in eliminating or minimising conflict amongst members of governing bodies whilst dealing with misconduct;
- (e) promote and maintain good governance in schools in order to provide quality education;
- (f) provide a standard framework within which all members of governing bodies must operate; assist members of governing bodies when supporting the principal, educators and members of staff at the school in the performance of their duties.

3. Application

This Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all members of governing bodies in public schools within the Province of Northern Cape, with effect from the date of publication of this notice.

4. Disclosure of information

- (a) A member of the governing body must treat all information that he or she obtains in his or her capacity of being a member of the governing body as confidential unless the law prescribes otherwise.
 - (b) The governing body may classify and minute all information it deems to be confidential at its discretion.
 - (3) This information must remain confidential even after a member ceases to be a member of a governing body;
- (4) statements or information provided to the media including social networking sites or to any person, relating to the governing body, a member of the governing body, the school, a parent, a learner or any staff of the school, shall only be given with the consent of the governing body and/or by person(s) authorised in terms of legislation, policy or rules of the governing body;