
Directorate: Inclusive and Specialised Education Support (DISES)

Western Cape Education Department

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To: Mr Gerrit Laning, Chief Executive Officer, Community Keepers

RE: Confirmation of Collaboration between the Western Cape Education Department and Community Keepers

The Directorate: Inclusive and Specialised Education Support (DISES) within the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) acknowledges the ongoing collaboration with *Community Keepers*, a registered non-profit organisation that provides psycho-social support services in selected public schools.

While a formal Memorandum of Understanding is still under development, the WCED affirms the value and alignment of Community Keepers' school-based mental health services with the WCED's inclusive education strategy and learner support framework.

At present, Community Keepers is active in 63 public schools within the Western Cape Education Department, spanning primary and secondary school settings in both urban and peri-urban areas. A complete list of the schools currently supported by Community Keepers may be requested, if required.

This letter serves as confirmation of the existing collaborative relationship and support from the WCED for the continuation and potential expansion of services provided by Community Keepers. Their work contributes meaningfully to the provision of psycho-social support and to the broader goals of learner well-being and academic inclusion.

Sincerely,



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Director: Inclusive and Specialised Education Support

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