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Dear Mr Laning

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY KEEPERS PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS

The Department of Basic Education hereby expresses its full support for the work undertaken by Community Keepers in South African schools. Their commitment to promoting mental health, psychosocial well-being, and inclusive support systems within educational environments aligns strongly with the Department's strategic priorities as per the Care and Support for Teaching and Learning (CSTL) framework for learner development and holistic education.

Community Keepers has demonstrated a consistent and impactful presence in schools, offering professional therapeutic services, psycho-educational workshops, and capacity-building for learners, educators and school staff. Their integrated approach catalyses schools as safe, nurturing spaces where learners are empowered to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We commend Community Keepers for their evidence-based practices, cultural sensitivity, and collaborative ethos. Their work not only enhances the resilience and emotional intelligence of learners but also contributes meaningfully to the broader goals of inclusive education and learner retention.

The Department encourages continued partnership with Community Keepers and supports their expansion into more schools, particularly in underserved communities. We believe their contribution is vital to creating environments where every child feels seen, supported, and equipped to reach their full potential.

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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HM Mweli', written in a cursive style.

**MR HM MWELI
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 21 APRIL 2026**