The Mpumalanga Department of Education awaits applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for appointment to the positions set out below.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: (DDG)

Salary: An all-inclusive remuneration package of R 1 201 713 p.a. The package can be structured according to the individual’s personal needs. The successful candidate will have to sign an annual performance agreement, annually disclose his/her financial interests and be subjected to a security clearance. Appointment will be subject to competency assessment.

This is a re-advertisement of Post Ref No: K1/001 previously advertised in the City Press of 3 May 2015. Interested applicants should re-apply.

Requirements: An appropriate B Comm. degree or equivalent with Financial Accounting as a major or an appropriate post graduate qualification coupled with a minimum of 7 years extensive management experience. Registration as CA (SA) would be an added advantage. Valid code 08 drivers license. Knowledge, skills, training and competencies required: Sound technical knowledge of GRAP (Generally Recognised Accounting Practices), which encompass the accrual basis of accounting, performance budgeting and the Public Service Legislative Framework for Financial and Supply Chain Management. In depth knowledge and understanding of the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Treasury Regulations and the Division of Revenue Act. Sound knowledge of the Public Service Act and – Regulations, the Employment of Educators Act and other HR-related policy frameworks and practices. Sound knowledge of the strategic planning processes. Ability to provide sound technical advice on the performance of the departmental financial system to the Accounting Officer and Line Managers. Strong leadership ability in securing financial resources for the Department to adequately fund the Strategic Plan. Ability to capitalize on human potential and to build a strong financial delivery team. Advanced planning, organising and project management skills. Excellent verbal communication- and report writing skills.

Duties: Develop, implement and maintain appropriate mechanisms to timeously respond to the changing needs for financial information, the interpretation thereof and the rendering of technical advice to the Accounting Officer. Ensure that the financial resources and assets of the Department are utilised effectively and economically to realize the objectives of the Strategic Plan. Provide technical advice to Line Managers to ensure the equitable allocation, maintenance and utilization of resources in line with the strategic objectives of the Department, legislative imperatives and good governance principles. Ensure compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Treasury Regulations and the Division of Revenue Act. Meet the reporting requirements and standards set in terms of the PFMA, Division of Revenue Act and financial statements. Ensure adequate internal financial control arrangements and systems for the accountable delegation of financial powers, asset security, monitoring and evaluation, early warning and timeous corrective action. Assist the Accounting Officer by applying cost benefit analysis principles ensuring value for money. Oversee the budgetary process within the Department, exercise budgetary control and provide early warning arrangements at a strategic level. Develop and facilitate the implementation of Supply Chain Management Systems consistent with legislative and other good governance arrangements. Oversee the preparation and submission of the annual financial statement and liaise with the Auditor General in this regard. Oversee the rendering of diverse HR Management-, labour relations and HR development services within the Department.

Post Ref No K2/002 - Head Office, Nelspruit

Enquiries: Mr CD Maebela, Tel (013) 766 5071
DIRECTOR: DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

Salary: An all-inclusive remuneration package of R 819 126 p.a. The package can be structured according to the individual's personal needs. The successful candidate will have to sign an annual performance agreement, annually disclose his/her financial interests and be subjected to a security clearance. Appointment will be subject to competency assessment.

Requirements: An appropriate recognised Bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification backed by a professional qualification in Education plus credible and sufficient experience at middle management level. The following will serve as a strong recommendation: Sound knowledge of and experience in education and public sector management, as well as interactions between the various role players in the education and public sector. Sufficient knowledge and understanding of current national and provincial education and public servant policies. Distinct competence and a proven track record in the areas of participative management and leadership. A strong interest in the development of the education system. Advanced planning, organising and project management skills. Ability to develop and adhere to work schedules. Strong interpersonal-, networking-, written- and verbal communication skills at all levels. Excellent report writing skills. Excellent analytical and strategic thinking capabilities. Sound financial management skills. Proven supervisory and people management skills. Proficiency and computer skills in the Microsoft Office applications. Willingness to travel and work beyond normal working hours. Ability to work under pressure and produce excellent results. The ability to provide strategic leadership and to deliver excellent results under pressure will be a strong recommendation. Valid driver's license.

Duties: Planning; Plan, co-ordinate, implement, maintain, evaluate and interpret policy, programs and systems for general and further education and training, ECD and inclusive education. Facilitate and promote quality of teaching and learning in the District, cluding the efficient administration of public examinations. Develop district and subject improvement plans. Assisting schools with compiling school improvement plans or development plans. Ensure the collection and analyses of school, circuit and district data to inform planning. Ensure that District, Circuits and schools improvement plans are linked and coherent to the National and Provincial departmental plans. Co-ordinate and monitor that the allocation and utilization of resources in the District is cost effective and benefits the institutions equitably. To plan priorities of Mpumalanga Department of Education including resource planning. Facilitate the continuous development of self-managing educational institutions. Account to the Head of Department for all policy and financial mandates of the District. Actively engage in policy development to ensure the support of the district in the continuous review of policy imperatives and implementation thereof. Manage the transformation programs and processes of the District. Manage and render communication services. Manage and render corporate services for the District in accordance with policy and delegations. Respond to any complaints or enquiries referred by the office of the MEC, Head of Department and Branch Managers. Support: Provide an enabling environment and targeted support for education institutions within districts to do their work in line with educational law and policy. Ensure that district officials provide targeted support to education institutions through school visits, classroom observations, consultants and cluster meetings.

Post Ref No K2/003 - Gert Sibande District Office, Ermelo (This is a re-advertisement of Post Ref.No: J6/333 previously advertised in the City Press of 9 November 2014. Interested applicants should re-apply.)

Enquiries: Mr. MJ Lushaba, Tel (013) 766 0303

Post Ref No K2/004 - Ehlanzeni District Office, Kanyamazane

Enquiries: Mr. MJ Lushaba, Tel (013) 766 0303

DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALIST: CIRCUIT MANAGEMENT

Salary: R 366 891 p.a.

Requirements: An appropriate recognised REQV 15 or an equivalent qualification in the learning/subject area/phase, plus ten years relevant experience. Sound knowledge of school administration and the interactions between various role players in education. Competent manager in curriculum delivery. Sufficient knowledge and understanding of current national and provincial education- and public service policies and legislation. Proven track record in the area of co-ordination of activities and participative style of management as well as leadership skills. Proven negotiation and conflict management skills. Ability to communicate effectively with broader spectrum of role players. Good verbal and written communication- and financial management skills. Policy development- and researching skills. Curriculum- and staff developing skills. Valid driver’s license. Registration with SACE

Duties: Monitor implementation of curricular, administrative and financial policies and directives at institutions. Monitor that objectives of institutions are met in accordance with budget allocations. Maintain discipline.
Interpret and communicate all policies to stakeholders. Monitoring schools and subject improvement plans. Supervision of schools curriculum by SMTs. Support to the school improvement plans. Monitoring of provisioning of basic school facilities e.g. LTSM and school furniture. Management, leadership and governance of schools work force and school governing bodies. Support and monitoring of quality learning, teaching and assessment. Management of quarterly assessments by ensuring that only external exam marks are submitted in the review sessions. Improvement of learner achievements in ANA and NSC. Management of learners and teachers attendances in the schools, and providing summary of quarterly attendance of learners to the district office. Improve learners promotion rate from grade 8 to 12, increases in Maths, EMS, and Sciences intake per grade. Management of curriculum coverage in schools. Management of support by teachers on learner progression or repeating learners (e.g. ensuring availability of remedial strategies per school). Management of IQMS for school management teams and teachers. Management of learner’s progression and reduction of repeating learners from grade R to 12. School monitoring and support to schools and management of school visits and data usage.

Post Ref No K2/005 - Amsterdam Circuit Office, Amsterdam
Post Ref No K2/006 - Volksrust Circuit Office, Volksrust
Post Ref No K2/007 - H/V Ridge East Circuit Office, Evander
Post Ref No K2/008 - Bethal Circuit Office, Bethal
Post Ref No K2/009 - Carolina Circuit Office, Carolina
Post Ref No K2/010 - Kwamhlangle N/E Circuit Office, KwaMhlangle
Post Ref No K2/011 - Kwaggafontein West Circuit Office, Kwaggafontein
Post Ref No K2/012 - Lydenburg Circuit Office, Mashishing
Post Ref No K2/013 - Nkomazi West Circuit Office, Tonga

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APPLICATIONS:
Applications should be submitted on Form Z.83, obtainable from any Public Service Department as well as on the Mpumalanga Department of Education website at www.mpumalanga.gov.za/education/, select the Vacancies icon. Applications must in all cases be accompanied by a recent updated comprehensive CV, originally certified copies (not older than three months) of all qualifications and RSA ID-document, as well as valid drivers license where required. Please note that a passport or driver’s license will not be accepted in lieu of an Identity Document. Failure to attach the requested documents will result in your application not being considered. A complete set of application documents should be submitted separately for every post that you wish to apply for. Please ensure that you clearly state the full post description and the relevant Post Reference Number on your application. No fax applications will be considered.

NB! APPLICANTS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY FULLY COMPLETE PART A, B AND C AS WELL AS THE DECLARATION AND SIGN FORM Z 83, EVEN IF THEY ARE ATTACHING A CV. INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

NB!! IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN SERVICE, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PERSAL NUMBER AT THE TOP OF FORM Z83.

Applications should be mailed to:

The Head of Department, Mpumalanga Department of Education,
Private Bag x 11341, Nelspruit, 1200,
For attention: Mr. G Mathebula, HR Provisioning.

Applications may also be placed (recorded in the register) in the application container located at the Security Desk, Upper Ground, Building 5 of the Riverside Government Complex, but will be removed on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 16h00.

NOTE:
*The Mpumalanga Department of Education is committed to provide equal opportunities and practices affirmative action employment. It is the intention of the Department to promote representivity (disability, gender and race) through the filling of posts and a candidate whose transfer / promotion / appointment will promote representivity will receive preference.

*The filling of posts will be done in terms of the Department’s need to meet Employment Equity targets.

*To enable the Department to promote employment equity of persons with disabilities, applicants with disabilities who wish to apply for these posts are required to attach documentary proof substantiating his/her disability, failing which applicants will be categorized as not having a disability.

*The principle of Recognition of Prior Learning may be considered in respect of serving Public Servants.

*Due to ongoing internal processes, the Department reserves the right to withdraw any post at any time.

*The Department reserves the right to verify the qualifications of every recommended candidate prior to the issuing of an offer of appointment.

*All short listed candidates will be subject to a vetting process prior to appointment.

*If no response is received from Mpumalanga Department of Education within 90 days after the closing date of the advert, applicants must assume that their application was not successful.

**CLOSING DATE:**

The closing date for the receipt of all applications is **16:00 on Thursday 18 June 2015**. No applications received by the Directorate: HR Provisioning (H/O) after the closing date and time will be considered. It should be noted that the Department will not take responsibility for applications received after the closing date and time even if said applications were sent through Post Office speed services or a courier service.