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Mr D Hindle  
Director-General: Education  
Attention: Ms Q Buys  
Department of Education  
Private Bag X895  
Pretoria

**RE: National Schools Pledge**

Dear Mr D Hindle

The Seventh-day Adventist church which is affiliated to the Southern Africa Religious Liberty Association wishes to applaud and commend the Minister of Education for her proactive initiative in affording us the privilege to forward our comments on the Draft National Schools Pledge.

The Southern Africa Religious Liberty Association upholds values that promote honesty, integrity, freedom and human rights, which is the spirit of our constitution. Therefore, we humbly suggest that the last paragraph which reads ‘We sincerely declare that we shall uphold the rights and values of our constitution...’ should include the words ‘with honesty and integrity’ to read: “We sincerely declare that we shall, *with honesty and integrity*, uphold the rights and values of our constitution...”

We wish the minister of education God’s blessings and wisdom as she leads our country in these trying times. Be assured that you are in our prayers.

Yours Faithfully

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