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## LETTER TO MULTI-PARTY TALKS: ATTENTION DR ELOFF

During the chaos that arised at the World Trade Centre on 25 June 1993 our representative had the privileged of discussing our problem with various representatives from various political parties. We were advised to request that our problem should be discussed at the Multi-Party Talks as it is in the interest of a "sovereign, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa".

Our problem is the following : unfair competition on our behalf temporarily political gain for the National Party

- Pre-school education is not compulsory education in South Africa [public service to the working mother]:
  - [a] Small business people has invested between R750 000,00 to R1m to create a facility to accommodate a 100 pre-school children. We are not subsidised by the Government.
- Model C Schools: are using empty class rooms as a pre-school facility at no extra cost [unfair competition] and they are not complying with the rules and regulations that are laid down by Department of Health and Welfare, Transvaal Education Department and the Health Department of the Town Councils.
- 3. When a certain primary school was approached about this their reply was all the schools in Kempton Park are doing it without the necessary requirements "so what are you going to do about it". We are being ignored by the above Departments who are supposed to ensure that these schools are registered according to specifications.

MODEL C SCHOOLS SHOULD BE STOPPED FROM OPENING PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON GOVERNMENT PREMISES DUE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- It is a lie that an investigation was done to see if there is a need for more preprimary schools [Mr Kito from TED, East Rand Regional Office], was taken round Kempton Park to show him the damage that Model C Schools have caused. There are about 40 to 60 privately owned pre-primary schools in Kempton Park alone, 90% of these schools are not full. We find the same problem nationwide.
- We would like to attach the following copies of enrolment forms that are being handed out to White pre-school children and the application form that is handed out to Black pre-school children for admission into Model C Primary Schools for Grade I.
- 3. There is a very definite need for primary school facilities for Black children and therefore we can not see the logic in filling up empty class rooms with babies and we are battling to get our Black pre-school trained children who have to go to Grade I into Model C Schools. This is not in the interest of a future non-

- racial South Africa.
  - 4. It is not stimulating for small business development in South Africa if Government make decisions that can cause small business people to loose their businesses due to unfair competition. See attached drawing.
  - 5. Privately owned pre-schools pay tax to the Government :
    - [a] Model C Schools can get tax excemption certificates.
  - We feel that pre-school should be kept as separate entities so that we can do
    the testing for admission into Grade I on fair grounds for all children in South
    Africa.
  - 7. Model C Schools can use the present economical situation in their favour through saying to parents if you use our Model C Schools \ pre-primary schools \ after care centres it would bring your Model C school fees down.
- Furthermore they can use the racial atmosphere in South Africa to their advantage through telling parents to support the pre-primary schools on the premises and it would help to keep the schools white.
- 9. Should the primary school be situated in a community where there is not sufficient bus transport to get children to other schools it would then mean that the community has to rely on the primary school in that area. It therefore gives them the power to say to parents we have our own pre-school now and you know Mrs van der Merwe if you do not use our pre-school, you might not be accommodated in Grade I because our pre-school children get first option for Grade I, what about parents that can not afford pre-school.

Furthermore there are quite a few more reasons why we feel this should not be allowed and we trust that this matter will be looked into with the utmost urgency.

We also would like to draw your attention that the Competition Board agrees with us that it is a very unfair situation and that they were going to advise the Government that this must be stopped, but like they say "they can only make the recommendation, but it is still up to the Government to make the final decision".

For more information our representative, Mrs J Pretorius, can be contacted.

We would like to be part of creating a better future for all children in South Africa.

(sgd) MRS J PRETORIUS (CHAIRMAN)



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