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**ATTENTION: CODESA WORKING GROUP
ON EDUCATION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FARM SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**SUBMITTED BY; EASTERN CAPE RURAL
EDUCATION FORUM
WORKING GROUP**

The Eastern Cape Farm School Networking Forum represents thirteen organisations intimately involved with farm schools in an area stretching from Colesberg to Grahamstown to East London.

We believe the state has abdicated responsibility for the provision of education for children on farms, which has made access to and quality of schooling dependent on the goodwill of farmers.

This system denies education to the majority of children of farm workers and cannot be allowed to continue. We believe the following aspects need consideration when formulating a new policy:

1. Existing legislation which gives farm owners responsibility for and control over education taking place in farm areas, must be scrapped.
2. The state must take responsibility for the schooling of farm children.
3. The state must buy or expropriate land for schools.
4. The state must be responsible for standards of buildings, housing for teachers, adequate classrooms and improved infrastructure including water and toilets.
5. Attention must be given to improving teaching conditions, i.e.
 - teacher-pupil ratio
 - standard-teacher ratio
 - teaching aids and equipment
6. All people living on farms should have access to adult basic education to redress an historical bias.
7. The state must provide educare facilities.
8. The new child labour legislation must be monitored and enforced.

We hope these points will receive your serious attention. We would welcome the opportunity to make personal representation if needed.

Signed by the working group:

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