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Dear Professor Sinclair,

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WORK OF ESST

It was a pleasure meeting you and discussing the work of the Educational Support Services Trust. Over the twenty four years of its existence, the Trust has made a significant contribution to education in areas in which the need for assistance is the greatest.

I wish to thank the Trust for the work it is doing, particularly in my home province of KwaZulu Natal, where vast segments of our population live in abject poverty. I have been in politics and public life for more than half a century and my focus has always been on the development of our poorest people through education. It is only as we combat ignorance that we will equip South Africans to rise out of poverty and its accompanying social evils of disease, injustice and despair.

It is a tribute to the insight of the Trust that it has worked in partnership with traditional leaders, as our rural communities rely on the collegial wisdom of amakhosi to embrace developmental projects. I hope that the partnerships between traditional leaders and the Trust may grow from strength to strength for the benefit of our people.

I am impressed by the track record of the Trust in projects like voter education, and education in human rights, the rights of women and children, the Constitution, financial literacy and service delivery. But I am most pleased by the work being done to combat HIV/Aids in the eDumbe area. I have been outspoken on the importance of our winning the fight against this disease and my Party has urged Government to prioritise the roll-out of anti-retrovirals.

But I am aware that medical intervention must be accompanied by education to enable communities and individuals to make informed lifestyle choices. The work of the Trust is invaluable in this regard. I hope that the Trust will pursue its intention of expanding its services in the Zululand District Municipality to empower the constituencies which the District and Local Municipalities serve.

I am proud to lend my support to the work of the Educational Support Services Trust and I wish you and the Trust everything of the best as you continue to make an outstanding contribution to the upliftment of the people of South Africa.

Yours sincerely,


Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, MP
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