The Director General

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Attention: Adv. TD Rudman

Dear Adv. Rudman,

**Draft BASIC EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL – Comments.**

[NOTE 1: SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND AN ANONYMOUS SUBMISSION: PLEASE EITHER DO NOT GIVE ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OR SEND THIS SUBMISSION TO THE PESTALOZZI TRUST WITH **ANONYMOUS IN THE SUBJECT HEADING,** WHO WILL FORWARD IT USING AN ANONYMOUS PROCESS TO THE DBE]

[NOTE 2: PLEASE USE YOUR OWN WORDS, USE THIS TEMPLATE MERELY AS A GUIDE]

**Executive Summary**

[YOU SHOULD WRITE THIS LAST IT IS A SUMMARY OF YOUR KEY POINTS]

[WHILE THE BILL DOES NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESSS COTTAGE SCHOOLERS. YOU WISH TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF COTTAGE SCHOOLING AND ASK FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED]

[STATE WHY COTTAGE SCHOOLS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOUR FAMILY]

[EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN THAT COTTAGE SCHOOLS HAVE NOT BEEN CONSULTED WHILE THE BILL WAS BEING DRAWN UP. THE DBE IS AWARE OF THE PHENOMENA OF COTTAGE SCHOOLS YET HAS NOT CONSULTED WITH THEM ON THE BILL. THIS IS A MAJOR OVERSIGHT IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS]

[ASK THAT COTTAGE SCHOOLS NOW BE IN INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS]

**Background**

[GIVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON YOUR FAMILY’S INVOLVEMENT WITH A COTTAGE SCHOOL. STATE HOW MANY CHILDREN YOU HAVE. IN WHICH GRADES/OF WHAT AGE. HOW MANY ATTEND COTTAGE SCHOOL. DO ANY ATTEND ANOTHER TYPE OF SCHOOL OR ARE EDUCATED AT HOME. STATE HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN IN A COTTAGE SCHOOL.]

[STATE YOUR REASONS FOR SENDING YOUR CHILD TO A COTTAGE SCHOOL. STATE THE TYPE OF SCHOOL YOUR CHILD ATTENDS (GENERAL, SPECIAL NEEDS ETC.)]

[DETAIL YOUR CHILD’S EXPERIENCES IN ANOTHER TYPE OF SCHOOL THAT LED YOU TO SEND YOUR CHILD, CHILDREN TO A COTTAGE SCHOOL]

[STATE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY. YOU ARE ADVISED **NOT** TO REVEAL THE NAMES OR DETAILS OF THIRD PARTIES (I.E. CHILDREN, PARENTS, YOUR SCHOOL, OTHER SCHOOLS, OFFICALS ETC. UNLESS YOU HAVE EXPLICIT WRITTEN PERMISSION TO DO SO. SPEAK ONLY ABOUT YOUR OWN CHILDREN AND EXPERIENCES. SHOULD YOU HAVE A CRIME OR ANY INFRINGEMENT OF LAW TO REPORT. DO SO BY APPROACHING THE AUTHORITIES. THIS SUBMISSION IS NOT THE CORRECT FORUM FOR REPORTING ANY BREACHES OF LAW]:

* YOUR SCHOOL HAS CLOSE TIES WITH PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
* YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO YOUR SCHOOL BY REGISTERED SCHOOLS (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE) OR TEACHERS AT REGISTERED SCHOOLS.
* YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN REFFERED TO YOUR SCHOOL BY MEDICAL PRACTIONERS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS.
* THERE IS NO PLACE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR YOUR CHILDREN. DETAIL YOUR EXPERIENCES IF YOU TRIED TO ENROL THEM AND FAILED.
* THERE ARE NO LOCAL SCHOOLS THAT CATER TO THE NEEDS OF YOUR CHILDREN.
* DETAIL OF THE CURRICULUM YOUR SCHOOL FOLLOWS OR METHOD OF EDUCATION USED.
* STATE IF THEY FOLLOW CAPS.]

[STATE THE BENEFITS YOUR FAMILY HAS DERIVED FROM A COTTAGE SCHOOL EDUCATION]

**Comment**

[YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE DEPT. VIEWS COTTAGE SCHOOLS AS UNREGISTERED PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

[STATE THAT YOU WISH TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO A SCHOOL THAT OPERATES WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE LEGAL FRAMEWORK.]

[EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS YOUR FAMILY WOULD DERIVE FROM LEGALITY.]

[MENTION ANY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF ILLEGALITY THAT HAVE **PERSONALLY** AFFECTED YOUR FAMILY.]

**Conclusion**

[RESTATE THE TWO KEY POINTS FROM THE BACKGROUND AND THE TWO KEY POINTS FROM THE COMMENT SECTION]

[STATE HOW YOU WANT THE DBE TO RESPOND]

[YOUR NAME]

[E-MAIL ADDRESS]

[TEL. NO.]

[POSTAL ADDRESS]