



ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

**Primary school and High school
1 Calliope Street, Bayswater
Bloemfontein**

14 April 2020

To whom it may concern

Re: LAPTOPS/TABLETS FOR ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE GRADE 10-12 LEARNERS

Founded in 1998, the Academy of Excellence (AOE) in Bloemfontein has grown to include a pre-school, primary and secondary school. The AOE matric class of 2019 achieved a 100% pass rate – we are very proud of them and are working hard to maintain that standard for the upcoming classes (our FET Phase learners, Grades 10-12). This is no easy task given that we were in the middle of a facilities expansion when the CoVID-19 crisis arose. Due to the lockdown, we are not currently able to teach the FET learners in person. Also, we wish to better prepare our learners for success in a more digital post-CoVID-19 world. We are therefore writing to request any support you may provide in obtaining laptops/tablets and/or data/connectivity for the learners.

AOE is a Non-Profit Company (NPC) school which receives subsidies from the Department of Education. Most of our learners come from very poor communities and remote areas and we therefore also provide subsidised transport to most of our learners. We currently have 30 learners in Grade 12, 34 in Grade 11, and 70 in Grade 10.

The primary and secondary schools each have their own principal, management teams and staff and are currently on separate premises. New premises have been procured, however, where an integrated campus with sports fields, boarding facilities, agricultural subjects, and labs with the latest technology are being built. The first phase has been completed; and while the labs are still being constructed, we would like to proactively obtain technological equipment for the school and our learners.

In the light of 21st Century Teaching and Learning, we would like to give our learners, especially FET learners, more exposure to technology and digital learning tools, which requires equipping them with devices and connectivity. The national lockdown due to COVID-19 creates an even greater need now to support our learners. Please contact me if you would like any additional details and/or to discuss how you can help. As we are an NPC school, any donations are tax-deductible (Art 18).

Thank you

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AOE HS PRINCIPAL**

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Rector**