



**DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION**

**The Creating Schools Trust
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Att: Mrs Claire Brown – Trustee

RE: ENDORSEMENT OF CREATING SCHOOLS TRUST

I wish to express my appreciation to The Creating Schools Trust for re-building the Vele Secondary School in Gogogo village in the Vhembe District, Limpopo.

The school was delivered on time and within budget and it stands as a beacon of excellence on a hilltop in the village.

The building, built on a people-centred approach to design, provides a hospitable learning environment which has led to significantly improved learner results i.e. 38% to 93% over a 5 year period and improved teacher and learner attendance figures. The computer centre has become the hub of learning for learners and teachers and is encouraging learners to become more independent and focused lifelong learners. The innovative water and energy saving features, outdoor amphitheatre and library contribute to the improved learning outcomes.

In addition to the building, we appreciate the school development programme that you introduced. The programme has uplifted the skills of the school principal and school management team resulting in better management and organization of the teachers and administration staff.

We acknowledge the Trusts long-term commitment to the school, having provided funding for maintenance and the continued mentoring and training of the school management team long after the handover of the school in 2011.

I endorse the Trust as a valued partner in the delivery of excellent public schools to disadvantaged communities.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Head of Department: Limpopo
Date: 12 August 2014**