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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Beyers Naude Schools Development Programme (BNSDP) infrastructure upgrade launch in the Free State

In addressing the schooling crisis, leading South African education NGO, Kagiso Trust, in partnership with Free State Department of Education, will be launching infrastructure upgrades in eight BNSDP schools in the Free State on the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The main objective of this event is to illustrate the importance of partnerships in addressing education challenges and to raise awareness that as the nation's stakeholders, we all have a role to play in transforming our country into a thriving and successful nation.

The BNSDP is a Kagiso Trust designed programme that focuses on establishing good governance and management principles, together with infrastructure development in the form of science laboratories, libraries and computer centres in rural school clusters. This formula has proven to work time and time again, with the BNSDP schools reaching astonishing levels of success.

Attending the launch will be Free State Education Honourable MEC: Tate Makgoe, who will be available for comment. The event will further provide a unique opportunity to gain key insights into the state of education from both a provincial and national level.

Details of the launch are as follows:

## Dinner discussion:

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012. **Time:** 18h00-20h00. **Venue:** Qwa- Qwa

Main Launch event:
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012.
Time: 11h30-13h00

**Venue:** Bluegumbosch Secondary School, Bluegumbosch, Free State.

The media in invited to attend.

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