



LAERSKOOEL ELSBURG PRIMARY

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Laerskool Elsburg Primary is a primary school situated in Elsburg (Gemiston area). Our school is over 130 years old. Currently we are fortunate enough to accommodate 1 930 learners and we have a staff of 72 members and growing on a yearly basis.

Out of our 1 930 learners currently all are English speaking. These learners derive from areas such as Reigerpark, Vosloorus, Leondale, Buhlepark, Katlehong, Ramaphosa Township and Elsburg.

Every learner at our school is important to us. The learner's academic progress and social wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us. We feel that we have a tremendous responsibility to teach our little ones to be streetwise in all aspects of educations, social cohesion and responsibilities.

We have made it one of our top priorities to do all we can in order to support learners and their families that might be struggling financially. The school currently runs a feeding scheme with which we support children and needy families with food. Our feeding scheme provides nearly 180 children of lunches during school hours, and some of our learners even receive a "hot meal" every day. To ensure that our learners are well fed at home there are more or less 80 families who receive support when possible.

We also identified the need for school uniforms, and established a "clothing bank" where there is variety of second hand clothing that learners and parents have access to. A Swop Shop is also available on the premises.

We are planning several projects for the future that will improve the condition of the school and will benefit learners tremendously.

One such project is to upgrade the ablution facilities. As we all know, there is nothing worse than having to use an ugly, smelly public toilet. We believe that should we be able to make the bathroom a more attractive clean and pleasant place to visit the learners will be encouraged to look after it, and learn a valuable lesson that if you are responsible for the up keep of a bathroom, it is your pride at stake.

By far our most ambitious project, and one that is very important to us, is the upgrading and improvement of our transport – drop off and pick up zone.

Currently more than half of our learners make use of public transportation to get to school. As an institution of learning we always put the best interest of the child first. To us that means "safety first". The safety of our learners is a top priority, especially around the area where the transport drops them off, and picks them up in the afternoon. We would like to provide a safe space for learners to be dropped off inside school premises.

Although the School is still indicated as a Quintile 5 entity and Full Section 21, the majority of learners come from PREVIOUSLY and CURRENT DISADVANTAGED circumstances. School fee income is at 45% out of a possible 100%.

We are also a NPO registered organisation and request Businesses and Institutions in the Corporate sector to form PARTNERSHIPS with the School in order to achieve the best possible circumstances for teaching and learning of our learners.

Better opportunities are created by EDUCATION!

FUTURE PLANNING – SHORT TO LONG TERM PROJECTS

Other major areas / projects we need businesses and companies to support us as a school also includes the following:-

- **TECHNOLOGY - IT Support** – to upgrade the computer room and well equipped classes i.e white boards
- **SECURITY** – to support IT upgrades at classes in order to limit break-ins and damage
- **READING AND LEARNING** – Upgrade of media, media books and technology in the Media centre (Library)
- **WI-FI CONNECTION** – Admin Building and to classes (Laptops for each Educator)
- **SCHOOL HALL UPGRADE** – Safety and technology, sound system, special lights and security
- **All SPORT facilities** as well as **ARTS and CULTURE activities**. Upgrade – soccer, netball athletics
- Upgrade of school transport – school vehicles
- Financing of workshops, subject course, educator seminars
- Establish a vegetable garden
- Skills development workshops for learners – boys and girls. Emphasis on basic skills for future self-employment
- Aqua Phonic Systems to educate on future self-sustainability

Please consider our request for help in above-mentioned regard in order for our learners to excel in a challenging environment as many of them comes from a disadvantaged background previously and currently.

Kind regards



ML Janse van Rensburg

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