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**TO: Deputy Chief Education Officers,
Assistant Chief Education Officers,
Senior Education Officers,
Heads of Education Departments
Coordinators/Director of Education Projects
Headteachers of Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools**

DATE: January 21, 2010

SUBJECT: National School Feeding Programme 2010

The Government of Guyana will be commencing its National School Feeding Programme with effect from February, 2010. The Ministry of Education will be receiving collaborative support from the Ministry of Local Government and other stakeholders to ensure that this policy initiative of the government is successfully implemented.

The National School Feeding Programme will be targeting **All Nursery Schools and All Primary Schools in Grades 1 and 2** in Regions 1, 2,3,4,5,6,10 and Georgetown. (Regions 7, 8 and 9 are targeted separately). The School Feeding Programme will consist of biscuits and juices both locally made.

All schools are therefore required to observe the following Regulatory framework.

Operations

- Headteachers are responsible for the coordination of the programme in their respective schools.
- A school report register must be in place at every school.
- Inspection Visits by Ministry Officials will occur.
- Snack break must be effected in the morning sessions and be consistent with normal 'break' in the respective schools' timetables.
- Under no circumstance must these items be offered for sale or have parents make any monetary contribution.

Feeding Programme

- All targeted schools will issue seven (7) units of biscuits and one (1) unit of Topco juice to each child.
- There shall be no discrimination under any circumstance.
- Storage of stocks should be done in an area free from rodents, insects and possible contamination.

Distribution Logistics

- Distribution will occur on a termly or monthly basis where possible. In this regard a network system is being developed to distribute the snacks from central points in Regions 2, 4, 6 and 10.
- Economy of time, cost effectiveness and best practices would be central to the distribution system; accordingly the use of land and river transport ought to be coordinated for uplifting and delivery of the snacks.