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Department of Education**

**Lefapha la Thuto
Departement van Onderwys**

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**TECHNO-GIRL JOB SHADOWING – SKILLS PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT
(SPD) PROGRAMME**

The creation of the Skills Pipeline Development (SPD) strategy of the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) seeks to identify talented learners within our institutions, channel them along critical and scarce fields and support them (through workplace exposure, coaching and mentoring) in building relationships with future employers thus guaranteeing acquired skills and expertise in targeted careers.

The Techno-Girl job-shadowing programme is part of the SPD programme and aims to make a contribution towards the acquisition of relevant skills providing girl learners that are studying Maths, Science and Technology the opportunity to be mentored on career options in these fields and to experience, first hand, the world of work. Most importantly, the aim is to encourage girls to pursue careers where an acute shortage of skills exists, in so doing enhancing learners' employability prospects in future. This is particularly necessary for the girl child, who traditionally is not exposed to these scarce careers and women in influential positions.

A dedicated Departmental project team has been established to drive the implementation of the Techno-Girl programme over the next three years.

I have therefore mandated the Techno-Girl project team, led by Uweso Consulting, to engage with prospective business partners to introduce the programme and request your involvement and participation by offering job shadowing opportunities during the school holiday periods, starting in June/ July 2009.

I would appreciate if you could contact Ms Andolene Hofmeyr on (011) 781 9950 or send an email to andolene@uweso.co.za to indicate your availability and a suitable date for a meeting.

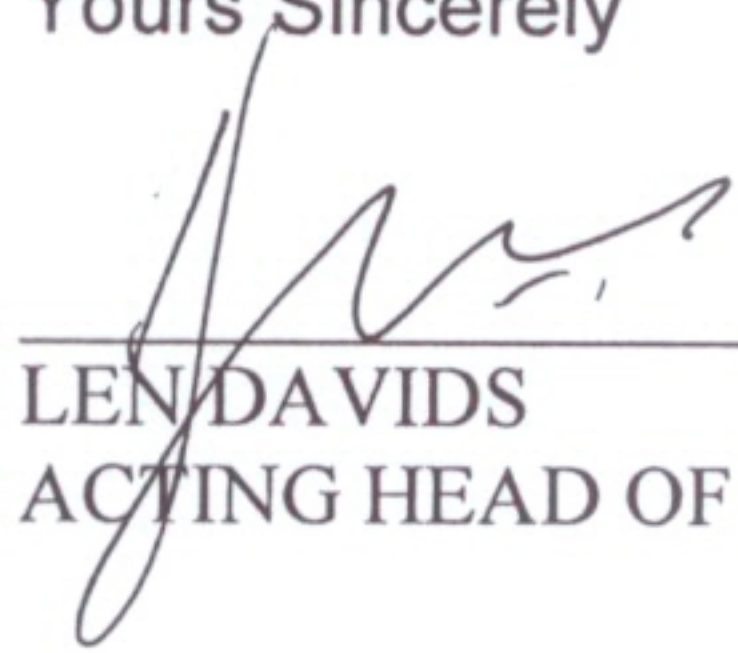
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I thank you, once again, for committing to invest in the future of the girl children in GDE.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Davids', written over a horizontal line.

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