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Your Ref: REGISTRAR
Our Ref: SARAH SEPHTON/vm

20 July 2012

The Registrar
Supreme Court of Appeal
Bloemfontein

Dear Sirs

**RE: THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE RIVONIA PRIMARY SCHOOL /
MEC FOR EDUCATION: GAUTENG PROVINCE & 5 OTHERS
CASE NO: 161/2012**

We act for Equal Education and the Centre for Child Law. Our clients have been admitted as amicus curiae in this matter by order of this Court dated 19 July 2012, of which our correspondent received notification on 20 March 2012.

The order of this court required our clients to file their heads of argument within five days of the order ie. by 26 July 2012. This is however well before the Respondents' heads of argument will be filed - the Respondent's heads of argument are due on 12 August 2012.


We are mindful of Rule 16(7) which requires that the heads of argument filed by amici must "not repeat any matter set forth in the argument of the other parties" and must raise "new contentions which may be useful to the Court." We are respectfully of the view that it will not be possible for us to comply with this rule and provide useful assistance to this Court unless we have had sight of the respondents' heads of argument before filing the amici's heads of argument.

Our clients have therefore instructed us to respectfully request that paragraph 6 of the order be varied to require the heads of argument to be file within five days of the filing of heads of argument being filed by the respondents – that is by 17 August 2012. We understand that this Court has granted similar orders in respect of amici in the past.

We have written to the Attorneys for the Appellants and Respondents asking whether they have any objection to this request. We are awaiting their response and are also copying them on this letter. We do not foresee any opposition to this request.

We therefore respectfully request the Registrar to grant the Amici and extension until 17 August 2012 to file their heads of argument.

Yours faithfully



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Per: **SARAH SEPTON**