

Equity, Equality and Fairness: Funding for Quality Education in South Africa

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ABSTRACT Before 1994, funding of the education system in South Africa was differentiated along races and ethnic lines. This situation was created as a result of the bigger apartheid ideology, which leaned more towards the philosophy of divide and rule. White Papers in education were promulgated by the parliament from 1995, which culminated in the promulgation of the National Education Policy Act 27 of 1996 and the South African Schools Act 76 of 1996 (Schools Act). This conceptual reflective paper focuses on South Africa's provision of equality and equitable funding of quality education in her effort to address and redress the ills of the past using the Norms and Standards for School Funding Policy as an instrument.