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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Subject Advisers and Principals of primary and secondary schools

Subject: Release of the revised Annual Teaching and Assessment Plans

1. With the declaration of COVID-19 a national disaster by President Ramaphosa on 15 March 2020, schools were closed from Wednesday, 18 March 2020. This has had a serious impact on teaching time as many school days were lost.
2. While the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) provided support, it is not clear how many learners continued with their learning programmes. This was complicated by the reality that many learners found it difficult or impossible to access the support the WCED and the Department of Basic Education (DBE) provided.
3. To mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, the DBE is working, in collaboration with Provincial Education Departments and other key stakeholders, to adapt the curriculum to ensure that learners in each grade will be exposed to core subject skills, knowledge, attitudes and values that can be covered in the revised school calendar year.
4. The key aims of the adapted curriculum and the principles underpinning the trimming and reorganisation of the curriculum is explained in the DBE Circular No. S2 /2020 (see **Annexure A**).
5. The subject documents including the Revised Content Overview documents and Revised Annual Teaching Plans can be accessed via the following link:
<https://wcedportal.co.za/eresource/109951> (**Annexure B**).

6. These documents are currently for Grades 7 and 12. The documents for the other grades will be released progressively in the coming weeks. The Afrikaans version of the documents will be shared and uploaded to our ePortal as soon as it is finalised.
7. As far as school-based assessment (SBA) is concerned, there will be a reduction in summative assessment with a greater emphasis on assessment with a formative purpose. Details about the number of SBA tasks per grade will be communicated shortly. Teachers will receive support with the implementation of the adapted curriculum from Senior Curriculum Planners at Head Office as well as Subject Advisers in districts.
8. Principals are requested to share this documentation with all teachers as soon as possible so that they can work on their planning, using the adapted curriculum.
9. I want to thank all teachers for their hard work over the last few weeks. The period ahead will require significant adjustments and flexibility. I have full confidence in the WCED teachers to manage this difficult adjustment in the interests of all our learners.

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