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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Deputy Directors (Head Office and Education District Offices), Heads: Curriculum Co-ordination and Advice, Heads: Strategic Information, Governance and People Management, Circuit Managers, Chief Education Specialists, GET Coordinators, Subject Advisers and Principals of all ordinary public primary schools

**SUBJECT: CALL TO SCHOOLS TO REGISTER FOR 2017 GRADE 6 MULTILINGUAL CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION**

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) in collaboration with the *Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB)*, the *Centre for the Book*, *The Language Unit* of the *Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport*, *City and Provincial Libraries*, *die Afrikaanse Taalraad*, the *Publishers' Association of South Africa (PASA)* and *EDULIS* will once again host a Grade 6 Multilingual Creative Writing Competition in 2017.
2. The purpose of the competition is to strengthen the process of creative writing in young learners and to create a love and an interest for sharing experiences through the process of writing.
3. As Creative Writing forms part of the content in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS), teachers may use the marks attained from the competition towards the first Formal Assessment Task (FAT) for Term 1 which is a school based assessment in Creative Writing.
4. The WCED hopes that this event will motivate Grade 6 Language Teachers to encourage their learners to participate in this process.
5. The competition will be conducted in the Home Language of learners.
6. The winning essays will be published in a multilingual story book titled **'From the pen of the Learner'**.

7. Workshops will be organised by the Language Subject Advisors in districts with the view to support schools with the preparation and execution of the competition.

## 8. The Competition Process

- 8.1 There is a choice of narrative and descriptive topics attached as **Annexure A**.
- 8.2 Learners are expected to write the draft as well as the final essay/story in an A5 exercise book according to the set criteria in Annexure B and teachers are expected to mark the written work according to the marking matrix in **Annexure B** before the end of March 2017.
- 8.3 Teachers must select their best (**i.e. only one**) essay/story that they will enter at district level.
- 8.4 Schools must submit the draft as well as the final creative writing piece in an A5 exercise book to the GET Coordinator in the district **by the 26 April 2017**. The contact list of GET Coordinators are in the table below.
- 8.5 The District Selection team will shortlist the **three (i.e. one per language)** best essay/stories and forward it to the Provincial Creative Writing Committee that will select the **ten best stories** i.e. three per language group including one for Sesotho.
- 8.6 The ten best essays/stories will be published in a Multilingual Storybook.
- 8.7 All participating schools will receive a copy of the Multilingual Story book.
- 8.8 Both the winning learner and the school will receive noteworthy prizes presented at a Provincial Book Launch and Gala event to be held in September 2017.
9. Please find attached a schedule of the competition dates in **Annexure C**.
10. Principals are requested to register their schools in good time as this will guide the competition logistics.
11. The Registration form (**Annexure D**) must be submitted by **Tuesday 03 March 2017** to the relevant GET Coordinator.

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12. Principals are kindly requested to bring the contents of this Minute to the attention of all the Grade 6 Language teachers and learners.

**SIGNED:** PAD BEETS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

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