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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Coordination and Advice, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Subject Advisers and Principals of all schools

Subject: Africa Code Week “Train the Trainer” workshops for all Grades 3 to 10 teachers

1. The Cape Town Science Centre is hosting Africa Code Week “Train the Trainer” workshops funded by an international software company and implemented by Cape Town Science Centre and Galway Education Centre.
2. Africa Code Week is a continent-wide initiative to promote coding (computer programming) to youth using freely available software.
3. The Africa Code Week “Train the Trainer” workshops are offered specifically to the Western Cape teachers for free.
- 3.1 The free “Train the Trainer” workshops for teachers will address the following:
 - Why coding/computer programming for young learners?
 - How to teach coding/computer programming using SCRATCH (free software).
 - How to organise a coding/computer programming workshop for learners aged 8 to 16 years old.
 - How to organise workshops for learners during the actual Africa Code Week from 18 to 25 October 2017.
- 3.2 These workshops empower teachers to teach learners simple coding skills. Africa Code Week creates an awareness of coding/computer programming and fosters an interest in 21st century learning skills beyond the classroom, promoting:
 - literacy;
 - Mathematics;
 - problem solving skills;
 - computer literacy skills; and
 - procedural literacy, i.e. thinking about processes in the world.

4. Africa Code Week is an initiative now in its third year and the implementers are encouraging Western Cape teachers to continue to engage in this continent-wide historical initiative by registering to take part in the free "Train the Trainer" workshops. Participating teachers will be given free resources, refreshments and a Certificate of Attendance.
5. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) encourages schools to register and participate in the Africa Code Week "Train the Trainer" workshops in 2017.
6. The WCED requests that schools take note of the relevant dates for this event on **11, 12 & 13 August 2017 (Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or afternoon and Sunday morning)**. Teachers can attend a morning or afternoon session of no more than two hours on any of these days.
7. All communication will be via email, SMS and/or telephone and must be directed to the Cape Town Science Centre. Teachers must indicate their preferred mode of communication when registering.
8. For **further enquiries** or **to register** please contact the Cape Town Science Centre telephonically, by fax or visit their website:

Telephone	021 300 3200 (Theresa or Info); 083 276 9509 (Theresa)
Fax	086 519 7227
Email	theresafnomfundo@ctsc.org.za or info@ctsc.org.za
Website	http://ctsc.org.za

9. Principals are requested to bring this minute to the attention of all Grades 3 to 10 teachers.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

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