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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Foundation Phase Subject Advisers, Principals and Departmental Heads of ordinary public schools

**Subject: African languages reading intervention**

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has noted the widespread findings and recommendations of the 2016 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) Report and other research findings that have documented low reading and literacy outcomes in the early grades.
2. The DBE took a decision to give training on reading in African languages to all provinces from April 2019. The purpose of this workshop is to train teachers in the linguistic structures and orthographies of African languages and the methodologies to apply when teaching Reading.
3. It is mandatory for all provinces to roll out the African languages reading workshops to all the Xhosa-speaking schools as from 2019.
4. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) will focus in 2019 on the training of Grade 1 teachers using Xhosa as the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT). Thereafter, they will incrementally train Grades 2 and 3 teachers in 2020 and 2021 respectively.
5. The General Education and Training (GET) Directorate has joined forces with the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute (CTLI) to train these teachers at the CTLI.
6. Approximately 601 Grade 1 teachers from 166 Xhosa-speaking schools will be trained.
7. This minute serves to notify schools that their Grade 1 teachers will be included in training of the African languages reading programme.
8. The training will take place from April to August 2019.

9. The duration of the training is five days. All Grade 1 teachers using Xhosa as the LoLT are required to attend the training during selected weeks.
10. The CTLI will pay for a substitute teacher during this week of training.
11. Districts will communicate the dates and venues of this training in advance.
12. The CTLI will send invitations to schools informing them about the Grade 1 teachers that will need to attend the training in various weeks.
13. Your support for such an important workshop is highly appreciated.
14. For any further information, kindly contact the relevant Foundation Phase Coordinator in your district:

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15. Principals are requested to bring this minute to the attention of all Grade 1 teachers.

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