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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, 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 in South Africa.
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 04 to 18 October 2019.
 - 3.2 These workshops empower teachers to teach learners simple coding skills. Coding (computer programming) creates an awareness of coding/computer programming and fosters an interest in 21st century learning skills beyond the classroom, promoting:
 - literacy;
 - Mathematics;
 - problem solving/design thinking 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 5th 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 2019.
6. The WCED requests that schools take note of the relevant dates for this event on **13, 14 and 15 September (Friday–Sunday)**. Teachers can attend one session of no more than 2,5 hours on any of these days.

DATE	TIME
Friday, 13 September 2019	14:00–16:30
Saturday, 14 September 2019	09:00–11:30
	12:00–14:30
	15:00–17:30
Sunday, 15 September 2019	09:00–11:30
	12:00–14:30
	15:00–17:30

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	theresaf@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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