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To: Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers,  
School Enrichment Officers, and Principals of primary and secondary schools

**Subject: 2019 South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod**

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE), in collaboration with all the provincial education departments, will again manage and monitor the 2019 South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE).
2. The 2019 competition makes provision for school choirs in the following categories:

**Primary schools**

Infants (Grades R–2)  
Foundation phase (Grades 3–4)  
Intermediate phase (Grades 5–7)  
Farm schools

**Secondary schools**

**Secondary A**

Schools that have consistently performed well during the last four years in the five approved categories (i.e. mixed choirs, African, Afrikaans, Western, and male and female choirs).

**Secondary B**

Schools participating for the first time and those schools that have participated in the programme but have not reached national level.

3. Foundation phase choirs will only participate in the district eisteddfod. They will not participate in the provincial and national chapters of the competition.
4. Music pieces have been prescribed for all sections. The participation rules and 2019 music scores can be downloaded from the DBE website at:

<http://www.thutong.doe.gov.za/Default.aspx?alias=www.thutong.doe.gov.za/schoolenrichment>. You may also contact your district office for assistance with the music or participation rules.

5. To enter the competition, schools must complete the attached registration form and return it to the official responsible for school enrichment at their district office.
6. Schools that register will be invited to district workshops to familiarise themselves with the prescribed music and participation rules.
7. District and provincial elimination rounds will be held between May and June 2019, respectively.
8. Schools will only be invited to proceed to the next stage if their performance has been scored on level 3 (65%) and above by the adjudicators.
9. Participation at provincial and national level is strictly by invitation of the WCED.
10. Principals and school management teams must ensure that choir rehearsals do not interfere with the school's academic programme and contact time. With this in mind, it is imperative that conductors do not request learners to attend choir practice during teaching time.
11. Schools participating in SASCE events must make their own travelling and accommodation arrangements. The WCED will subsidise travelling and accommodation as follows:
  - 11.1 Schools travelling more than 200 km (return) will be subsidised to a maximum amount of R3 000 per school for district and provincial rounds.
  - 11.2 Schools travelling more than 700 km (return) will be subsidised to a maximum of R5 000 per school for district and provincial rounds.
  - 11.3 Schools invited to participate in the national event will be subsidised to a maximum amount of R40 000 (forty thousand rand) for a full choir of 60 learners for transport.
  - 11.4 Accommodation for attending the provincial rounds will be subsidised at R100 per learner per night.
  - 11.5 Accommodation for participation in the national event will be subsidised to the amount of R150 per person per night.

*Subsidies will only be paid upon the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the district office and must be submitted to Head Office at least three weeks before the event.*

12. Please bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all learners, conductors, educators and parents.

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