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To: Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Curriculum Support, Subject Advisers, Specialised Learner and Educator Support Staff, Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies at public schools

Subject: Celebration of International School Library Month and National Teachers' Month

1. During October 2020 school libraries in South Africa and across the world celebrated and promoted library and information services at schools. October was also the month in which the incredible role of teachers in teaching and learning was recognised and celebrated across the world.
2. In celebration of these two past events, the Western Cape Education Minister has decided to involve all Western Cape Education Department (WCED) schools, teachers and learners. Learners will have the opportunity to recognise or thank their teachers for the incredible work they have done during the Covid-19 pandemic and, at the same time, stand a chance to win school library resources for their schools.
3. The Education Library and Information Services, in collaboration with the Education Minister's Office, will afford six WCED schools the opportunity to win school library resources to the value of R120 000.
4. The breakup will be as follows:
 - Three secondary schools will receive R20 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa, and
 - Three primary schools will receive R20 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa.
5. The theme of the competition is "My Octopus Teacher" (see poster attached), in recognition of the multiple roles that our teachers have to fulfil in teaching our children, and even more so during the Covid-19 pandemic.

6. All WCED schools are encouraged to enter the competition electronically. Learners will have to answer the following questions:
- **Describe what your teachers meant to you during the Covid-19 pandemic and how they supported you and your classmates.**
 - **What are the multiple roles that they play in supporting you?**
 - **Motivate to us to how the books/e-resources would help to make the teachers' task a little easier.**
7. Teachers will have to collate the letters and/or presentations and mail one entry per school to alison.mentor@westerncape.gov.za.
8. The closing date for the competition is **Tuesday, 15 December 2020** and the winners will be notified telephonically or via email.
9. The winning schools will be announced, and the prize handover will take place on a date determined by the WCED.
10. For enquiries about the competition and for terms and conditions, please contact Timothy Cloete at timothy.cloete@westerncape.gov.za.
11. The following WCED district officials may be contacted regarding school library services:
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| Janine Ontong | School Library Adviser,
Cape Winelands District | Tel. no. 023 348 4657 |
| Lorné Erasmus | School Library Service Officer,
Overberg District | Tel. no. 028 214 7386 |
| Tirzah Arendse | School Library Service Officer,
Eden and Central Karoo District | Tel. no. 044 803 8377 |
| Vernon Koen | School Library Service Officer,
Metro East District | Tel. no. 021 900 7049 |
| Sinetemba Mdunyelwa | School Library Service Officer,
West Coast District | Tel. no. 021 860 1200 |
12. Principals are requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of all concerned.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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