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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Circuit Managers, Subject Advisers and Heads of institutions in the General Education and Training band

Subject: Curriculum Recovery in 2021

1. The purpose of this minute is to provide guidance regarding curriculum recovery in 2021. It is also meant to retract Western Cape Education Department (WCED) Circular 0018/2020, dated 03 August 2020, for revision.
2. Covid-19 has created unprecedented disruption to education systems across the world. One of the consequences thereof was reduced time for teaching and learning, resulting in substantial learning losses across subjects and grades. In order to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on learning and teaching, the WCED adopted a multi-year curriculum recovery approach.
3. Circular 0018/2020 released the revised and trimmed Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) for implementation in 2020. This minute serves to withdraw the said circular and the released documents. Schools will be provided with recovery ATPs to be implemented over a three-year period, 2021 – 2023, before the end of 2020.
4. Details regarding assessment during the recovery period will be communicated in due course.

LIFE SKILLS IN THE FOUNDATION PHASE AS A STAND-ALONE SUBJECT

5. Teachers were allowed to integrate the components of Life Skills into Languages to reduce the number of subjects and counter the impact of loss of teaching and learning time. That dispensation is hereby withdrawn.
6. In 2021, schools will offer Life Skills as a stand-alone subject in the Foundation Phase as provided for in the *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*, published in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012.

REDUCTION OF SUBJECTS IN THE SENIOR PHASE

7. Circular 0018/2020 provided for the reduction of subjects in the Senior Phase. Schools were given the option of reducing two subjects from the nine subject offerings in the Senior Phase provided approval for the two dropped subjects was sanctioned by the District Director. The dispensation of reducing subjects from nine to seven in the Senior Phase is hereby withdrawn.
8. In 2021, schools will offer nine subjects in the Senior Phase as provided for in the *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.
9. You are kindly requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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