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Dear Parent / Guardian of Grade 12 Learners

The Covid-19 pandemic has introduced unique challenges for parents of Grade 12 learners who have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of their children, while still upholding their Constitutional rights to a basic education.

The final matric year is a culmination of 12 years of hard work and the key to further studies and a better future. It is also a very stressful year for most Grade 12 learners as they face their final examinations. We acknowledge the added anxiety and distress experienced by both parents and learners caused by the current Covid-19 pandemic and parents were given the option to keep their children at home during the peak of the pandemic.

The final NSC November 2020 examination timetable was released on 13 August 2020 and preparation for the examination has begun in earnest. It is critical for the planning and preparation of the NSC examination to confirm whether all Grade 12 learners will or will not write the final examination.

All Grade 12 learners **must complete the curriculum** according to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement in preparation for the 2020 NSC examination. In order to sit for the end of the year examinations all candidates **must comply with and complete the amended School-based Assessment requirements**, which include orals, Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs), tests and the preparatory examination.

Should learners **opt not to continue with Grade 12 in 2020**, and therefore choose not to write the 2020 NSC examination, they must confirm their intention to withdraw from the said examination by completing the reply form attached. The reply form must be signed by both the Grade 12 learner and parent/caregiver and returned to the school **by 24 August 2020**.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

DATE: 2020-08-19