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To: Chief Director: Districts, District Directors, Deputy Directors: Corporate Services (district offices), Circuit Managers, Principals of ordinary public schools and Chairpersons of governing bodies

**Subject: Update: The suspension of learner transport services**

1. Yesterday afternoon, the Cape High Court dismissed the application for an interdict preventing the WCED from awarding new interim contracts in the Cape Winelands district.
2. The Western Cape Education Department can now proceed with awarding the new interim contracts in this district.
3. Learner transport services in this district will be affected for the next week as we finalise these contracts. All hands are on deck to ensure that they are all operating as soon as possible. Schools will be notified directly informing them of their new contractor.
4. We were also informed yesterday that learner transport services in the other districts will resume. All these routes have existing contracts in place, and therefore if the contractor does not deliver their required service, they will be in breach of contract. Please can you inform the LTS coordinator in your district should you still be experiencing problems. Contractors cannot withhold services without just reason.
5. I want to thank all the schools, teachers, parents and community members who have gone the extra mile to assist our learners in getting to school or writing their examinations.
6. While this past week has not been an easy one, it has once again shown the values of kindness and caring within our organization.

7. Our aim over the next week is to minimize any further impact on our learners as we seek to finalise all the contracts in the Cape Winelands, delayed by this court action.
8. We thank you for your patience.

**SIGNED:** MS ABRAHAMS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: EDUCATION PLANNING**

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