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To: Principals of all independent schools

Subject: 2020 WCED Systemic Tests in independent schools

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has been conducting Systemic Tests in Language and Mathematics for Grades 3 and 6 learners since 2002. The programme was extended to Grade 9 in 2010. The results assist schools to identify areas for improvement and the WCED to identify areas of the curriculum that require additional support.
2. Independent schools were invited to participate in the testing programme from 2010. **Subsidised independent schools are required to participate** while non-subsidised independent schools participate by invitation.
3. **This minute serves as a formal invitation to all non-subsidised independent schools** with more than ten learners in each of Grades 3, 6 and 9 to participate in the WCED's Systemic Tests for 2019. These tests will be administered by independent service providers appointed by the WCED.
4. Your attention is drawn to the following details for the 2020 tests:
 - Testing will take place from **30 September to 15 October 2020**.
 - Tests will be scheduled for one day per school.
 - Grade 3 learners will be tested in Language and Mathematics, in the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) of the school (English, Afrikaans or Xhosa).
 - Grades 6 and 9 learners will be tested in Language and Mathematics in the LoLT of the school (English or Afrikaans).
 - The pass mark for all tests is 50%.
 - School reports will be issued to all schools.

5. Should your school be interested in participating in the 2020 tests, kindly do the following:
- Complete the attached form as an expression of interest by your school to participate in the Grades 3, 6 and 9 testing programme, and send it to Mr Vumile Nyalashe at fax no. 086 555 3955 or e-mail it to [yumile.nyalashe@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:vumile.nyalashe@westerncape.gov.za) **by 24 April 2020**.
 - Ensure that the details of all learners in Grades 3, 6 and 9 are captured on the Central Education Management Information System (CEMIS) **by 31 July 2020**.
6. The WCED looks forward to the participation of non-subsidised independent schools in the 2020 WCED Systemic Tests for Grades 3, 6 and 9.

SIGNED: MS ABRAHAMS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: EDUCATION PLANNING
DATE: 2020-02-10

Name of school													
EMIS no.													
Has the learner information been captured on CEMIS?		YES		NO									
Has the school completed and sent its 2020 Snap and annual surveys to the WCED?		YES		NO									
If your school will participate, indicate the grades that will participate in the tests by marking the appropriate box													
Grade 3		Grade 6		Grade 9									
INFORMATION NEEDED		Grade 3	Grade 6	Grade 9									
No. of classes													
No. of learners													
No. of learners whose LoLT is Afrikaans													
No. of learners whose LoLT is English													
No. of learners whose LoLT is Xhosa													

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Signature of Principal

Date:

Please return the completed form to Vumile Nyalashe at fax no. 086 555 3955 or email it to vumile.nyalashe@westerncape.gov.za or call tel. no. 021 467 9350.