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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and education district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance and Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies of public schools

Subject: School terms and public holidays for 2021 (inland and coastal provinces)

1. The approved school calendar for 2021 is as follows:

| Term | Opens | Closes |
|--------|---|---|
| First | 11 January (educators) 13 January (learners) | 26 March |
| Second | 13 April | 25 June |
| Third | 20 July | 01 October |
| Fourth | 12 October | 08 December (learners) 10 December (educators) |

| Term | No of Weeks | No of Days | No of Public Holidays | Actual No of School Days |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| First | 11 | 53 (55) | 1 | 52 (54) |
| Second | 11 | 54 | 2 + 1 | 51 |
| Third | 11 | 54 | 2 | 52 |
| Fourth | 09 | 42 (44) | 0 | 42 (44) |
| Total | 42 | 203 (207) | 5 + 1 | 197 (201) |

(Numbers in brackets are for educators)

2. Public and school holidays in 2021:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| 01 January 2021 | - | New Year's Day |
| 21 March 2021 | - | Human Rights Day |
| 22 March 2021 | - | Public Holiday |
| 02 April 2021 | - | Good Friday |
| 05 April 2021 | - | Family Day |
| 26 April 2021 | - | Special School Holiday |
| 27 April 2021 | - | Freedom Day |
| 01 May 2021 | - | Workers' Day |
| 16 June 2021 | - | Youth Day |
| 09 August 2021 | - | National Woman's Day |
| 24 September 2021 | - | Heritage Day |
| 16 December 2021 | - | Day of Reconciliation |
| 25 December 2021 | - | Christmas Day |
| 26 December 2021 | - | Day of Goodwill |

3. Principals are urgently requested to inform all educators, learners, parents and members of governing bodies of the content of this minute.

SIGNED: HA LEWIS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

DATE: 2019-11-28