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

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

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

Term	Opens	Closes
First	(25) 27 January	31 March
Second	13 April	25 June
Third	13 July	23 September
Fourth	05 October	(08) 10 December

Term	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
First	10	(46) 48	01	(45) 47
Second	11	54	2 + 1	51
Third	11	53	01	52
Fourth	10	47 (49)	00	47 (49)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>200 (204)</b>	<b>4 + 1</b>	<b>195 (199)</b>

*(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	-	School Holiday

27 April 2021	-	Freedom Day
01 May 2021	-	Workers' Day
16 June 2021	-	Youth Day
09 August 2021	-	National Women'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:** H.A. LEWIS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION**

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