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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices),  
Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Circuit  
Managers, Subject Advisers and Principals of ordinary public schools and special  
schools

**Subject: Global Teacher Prize Competition**

1. The Global Teacher Prize (GTP), a Varkey Foundation Project, annually awards a prize of one million United States Dollars to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the teaching profession.
2. The Varkey Foundation launched the GTP in 2014 and it is now in its seventh year of implementation.
3. Applications for the GTP is now open and the closing date is 30 April 2021.
4. The Western Cape Education Department wishes to encourage our school communities to nominate exceptional teachers who meet the criteria given below.
5. To enter the Varkey Foundation GTP, teachers should meet the following eligibility standards, and they should be:
  - a. Teachers who currently teach children that are in compulsory schooling.
  - b. Teachers who teach children age four+ in an Early Years government-recognised curriculum or are between the ages of five and 18 years.
  - c. Teachers who teach on a part-time basis.
  - d. Teachers of online courses.
  - e. Teachers in every kind of school and, subject to local laws, in every country in the world.
  - f. Head teachers with teaching responsibilities are also eligible to apply.

6. The winner will be chosen by the prominent GTP Academy comprising head teachers, educational experts, commentators, journalists, public officials, technology entrepreneurs, company directors and scientists from around the world of which our Head of Education, Mr Brian Schreuder, is one of the members of the esteemed GTP Academy.
7. A rigorous set of criteria to identify an extraordinary teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession will be applied during the selection processes, i.e. a teacher should:
  - a. Employ effective instructional practices that are replicable and scalable to influence the quality of education globally.
  - b. Employ innovative instructional practices that address the challenges of the school, community or country and which have shown sufficient evidence to suggest they could be effective in addressing such challenges in a new way.
  - c. Achieve demonstrable student learning outcomes in the classroom.
  - d. Impact the community beyond the classroom which will provide unique and distinguished models of excellence for the teaching profession and others.
  - e. Help children become global citizens through providing them with a values-based education that equips them for a world where they will potentially live, work and socialise with people from many different nationalities, cultures and religions.
  - f. Improve the teaching profession through helping to raise the bar of teaching, sharing best practices, and help colleagues overcome any challenges they face in their school.
  - g. Produce evidence of teacher recognition from governments, national teaching organisations, head teachers, colleagues, members of the wider community or pupils.
8. Only online **applications** will be accepted. Applications submitted via post or email will not be considered.
9. Additional information about the GTP is available at:
  - Advocacy video 2021: <https://bit.ly/3Uww0z6>
  - GTP website: <https://www.globalteacherprize.org/>
  - Application forms: <https://www.globalteacherprize.org/global-teacher-prize/apply-now>
  - Email contact: [info@globalteacherprize.org](mailto:info@globalteacherprize.org)
10. The Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute will be assisting prospective nominees by:
  - a. Hosting an online information session on **26 March 2021** from 14h00 to 15h00 when Ms Wendy Horne, a Top 50 GTP nominee, will be providing background to the GTP processes. Schools and the prospective nominees are

requested to register their attendance using the following link: <https://forms.gle/KqyG2LY3Mrb63QuU6>, whereafter the link to the virtual session will be forwarded to attend it.

- b. Hosting an online session on **31 March 2021** from 14h00 to 15h00 to assist with the completion of the forms for submission to the Varkey Foundation. Teachers are requested to register their attendance by following the link to register their attendance. The link to the session will be forwarded upon confirmation of attendance.

11. For any further enquiries, please contact the following officials:

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12. Kindly ensure that the content of this minute is brought to the attention of all teaching staff members at your school.

**SIGNED:** PAD BEETS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** 2021-03-15