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

**Subject: Support for Further Education and Training (FET) learners during 2021 via the Telematic Schools Project**

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is offering lessons in identified subjects broadcast via an interactive platform (lessons are broadcast via satellite and streaming technology) during the period: February–November 2021.
2. Over the past few years these lessons primarily targeted Grade 12 learners and a valuable and extensive database has been established for some subjects, covering especially Grade 12 content.
3. The focus for 2021 will be on Grade 10, 11 and 12. The attached **Annexure A** provides the broadcasting schedule detailing the subject, grade, topic and time.
4. Since the timetable includes several subjects and different grades it is important that teachers and learners follow the timetable very carefully.
5. The presenters are teachers chosen for their expertise in their subjects. Presenters and senior curriculum planners work collaboratively in the design and quality assurance of all lessons broadcast on this platform.
6. Since broadcasts take place during the week and after school hours, it is important that principals discuss arrangements with their governing bodies and the parents of the learners.
7. Principals will be expected to report quarterly on the attendance of learners, as well as successes or difficulties experienced with the programme.
8. Learner attendance will be monitored regularly by Head Office and district officials.

9. Telematic Schools Project website:
  - 9.1 The Telematic Schools Project website: [schools.sun.ac.za](http://schools.sun.ac.za), contains all information related to this project including the schedule, videos of past broadcasts, learner materials, etc.
  - 9.2 The website is zero rated which makes accessing all the resources on it accessible and affordable.
  - 9.3 Principals are encouraged to ensure that all Grade 10-12 learners register on the website. This will enable them to access the lessons via live streaming or from the zero-rated website at their convenience.
  - 9.4 Learners are to request a personal username and password by sending their name, surname, email address and school name to [school@sun.ac.za](mailto:school@sun.ac.za) or fill in the registration form on the website.
  - 9.5 Training video: The following link provides access to a training video <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17F3BJ5uSLkcyZFNm5p7omkUDobfjcyu4>. This video provides valuable information on the Telematic Schools Project and guidelines on how to register and access this valuable support initiative. Principals who need website training can send an email to [zsuliman@sun.ac.za](mailto:zsuliman@sun.ac.za).
10. Learner booklets:
  - 10.1 Learner booklets have been prepared for each of the subjects which will be broadcast.
  - 10.2 These booklets will be printed for the schools who participate in the programme via the satellite transmission (**Annexure B**). The schools listed in Annexure B should arrange with the district FET coordinator when the booklets will be available and can then arrange for collection.
  - 10.3 All other schools can access the booklets on the website: [schools.sun.ac.za](http://schools.sun.ac.za).
11. Schools who have not yet registered for access to the live streaming option, can do so by contacting the helpdesk at tel. no. 021 808 9507 or 021 808 4129, email [school@sun.ac.za](mailto:school@sun.ac.za) or send a Facebook message on the Telematic Schools Project Facebook page.
12. General queries regarding usernames, lessons available, how to use the website, schedules and times of broadcast can be directed to [school@sun.ac.za](mailto:school@sun.ac.za) .

13. Teachers are encouraged to utilise the lessons or advocate the relevant lessons that are available on the website. Links to the lessons are also available on the WCED ePortal.
14. Amendments to the schedule will be communicated timeously to schools. Note that the WCED intends to rebroadcast lessons and revision programmes during the period when schooling may be disrupted. Such schedules will be available on the WCED ePortal, Facebook and the website [school@sun.ac.za](mailto:school@sun.ac.za).
15. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of the relevant staff, Grade 10-12 learners and their parents or guardians.

**SIGNED:** PAD BEETS

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

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