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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, FET and GET Coordinators, Subject Advisers, Principals and Teachers of all ordinary public and special schools

**Subject: Introduction to *The Cyber Effect* webinar series**

1. The Directorate eLearning previously hosted *The Cyber Effect* conferences across all districts in 2019. The next iteration of this will be *The Cyber Effect* webinar series, presented during 2021.
2. *The Cyber Effect* webinar series is aimed at providing the knowledge and understanding of cyber safety. It provides strategies to guide the integration of cyber safety education into the curriculum and subject lessons. This aims to:
  - 2.1. inculcate a stronger cyber safety awareness and empower technological application and adoption in the schooling environment; and
  - 2.2. incorporate a deeper integration into the curriculum by including specific topics embedded in the Life Orientation curriculum.
3. The target participants for the webinar series are the following:
  - School Management Team members responsible for technology integration and adoption;
  - Information and Communication Technology (ICT) champions and ICT coordinators at schools;
  - All teachers who use technology or online platforms for teaching and learning; and
  - Western Cape Education Department curriculum officials, circuit managers and related support and advisory services.

4. The programme is structured in the following manner:

- The programme is structured under four overarching topics referred to as banners.
- Each banner has two topics with interrelated content.
- Each topic discusses an integrated curriculum topic within the Life Orientation curriculum.
- Each topic will be represented as a webinar episode.
- A collective of eight webinar episodes will make up *The Cyber Effect* Programme. The series will be rolled out through the Teacher Professional Development pathway in development of teachers, school leaders and officials.

5. *The Cyber Effect* webinar programme's timeline is as follows:

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day and Time</b>
1	Implementing School Cyber Wellness	15 March 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
2	Creating safe digital learning spaces	29 March 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
3	Cyber Psychology: The online disinhibition effect	19 April 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
4	Social Media is inevitable: navigating through social learning	10 May 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
5	Re-imagining the influence of cyber safety in education	24 May 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
6	Say What? A focus on responsible communications	14 June 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
7	Cyber Psychology: Empowering the Techno-social culture	19 July 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
8	Heroic Content Creation	02 August 2021	Monday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

6. For more information on cyber wellness and *The Cyber Effect*, please see the information website: <https://wcedcybereffect.wixsite.com/thecybereffect>.

7. For additional information on training opportunities contact your district eLearning advisers' list below:

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8. Your cooperation in this regard is valued and highly appreciated.
9. Principals are kindly requested to share the contents of this minute with teachers and relevant stakeholders.

**SIGNED: PAD BEETS**

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

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