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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: Directorate eLearning Teacher Professional Development Programme (DEL TPD)

1. The eLearning thrust of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is intent on providing professional development opportunities focusing on digital teaching and learning for all WCED teachers and officials.
2. Digital teaching and learning describe educational practices that use appropriate digital tools and resources to strengthen a teacher's teaching and a learner's learning experience. The aim, therefore, is to enrich the achievement of curriculum learning objectives further.
3. The Capacity Building portfolio in the eLearning Directorate at Head Office, together with the eLearning Advisory teams in the districts, is responsible to manage the DEL TPD rollout programme.
4. To assist in the growth of specific digital skills, a training menu focusing on four different developmental levels has been developed. The technology and pedagogy matrix can be viewed by using the following link:
<https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/remoteeducation/trainingmenu>.
5. These developmental levels are informed by the national guideline document, *Professional Development Framework for Digital Learning* (Department of Basic Education, 2018), and other learning theory models.

6. The DEL TPD programme follows a flexible training schedule and is continually updated as needs are identified and addressed. For updated information regarding the flexible training programme, training menu and monthly planning per training unit, please follow the DEL TPD information pack link: <https://bit.ly/DEL-TPD-info-pack>.

7. **Mediated sessions**

The programme is coordinated through the district eLearning advisory teams, and they can be contacted to register for the sessions. (See Annexure A). Please note that the sessions are presented online at the moment.

8. **Self-directed opportunities**

In addition to the DEL TPD programme, eLearning Teacher Development opportunities are also provided through self-directed content. For more information on the extended programmes visit:

<https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/remoteeducation>.

9. Directors and principals are requested to bring this minute to the attention of all officials and teachers.

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