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To: Principals of all independent schools

Subject: 2021 WCED Systemic Tests in independent schools

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has been conducting Systemic Tests in Language and Mathematics for Grades 3 and 6 learners since 2002. The programme was extended to Grade 9 in 2010. The results assist schools to identify areas for improvement and the WCED to identify areas of the curriculum that require additional support.
2. Independent schools have been invited to participate in the testing programme since 2010.
3. **Subsidised independent schools are required to participate** while non-subsidised independent schools participate by invitation.
4. This minute serves as a formal invitation to all non-subsidised independent schools with more than ten learners in each of Grades 3, 6 and 9 to participate in the WCED Systemic Testing programme for 2021.
5. Tests are administered by independent service providers appointed by the WCED.
6. Your attention is drawn to the following details for the 2021 tests:
 - Testing will take place from **13 October to 28 October 2021**.
 - Your school will receive a test date notification letter from the WCED.
 - Tests will be scheduled for one day per school.
 - Grade 3 learners will be tested in the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) of the school (English, Afrikaans or Xhosa) and Mathematics.
 - Grades 6 and 9 learners will be tested in the LoLT of the school (English or Afrikaans) and Mathematics.

- The pass mark for all tests is 50%.
 - School reports will be issued to all schools.
 - Should your school be interested in participating, kindly complete the attached form and send it to Mr Vumile Nyalashe at fax no. 086 555 3955 or email it to vumile.nyalashe@westerncape.gov.za **by 28 May 2021**.
 - Also, ensure that the details of all learners in Grades 3, 6 and 9 are captured on CEMIS **by 30 July 2021**.
7. The WCED looks forward to the participation of non-subsidised independent schools in the 2021 WCED Systemic Tests for Grades 3, 6 and 9.

SIGNED: B WALTERS

HEAD: EDUCATION

DATE: 2021-05-03

Name of school													
EMIS no.													
Has the learner information been captured on CEMIS?		YES		NO									
Has the school completed and sent its 2021 snap and annual surveys to the WCED?		YES		NO									
If your school will participate, indicate the grades that will participate in the tests by marking the appropriate box:													
Grade 3		Grade 6		Grade 9									
INFORMATION NEEDED		Grade 3	Grade 6	Grade 9									
Number of classes													
Number of learners													
Number of learners whose LoLT is Afrikaans													
Number of learners whose LoLT is English													
Number of learners whose LoLT is Xhosa													

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Signature of Principal

Date:

Please return the completed form to Vumile Nyalashe at fax no. 086 555 3955 or email it to vumile.nyalashe@westerncape.gov.za or call tel. no. 021 467 9350.