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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, and Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies of public schools

**Subject: School terms and public holidays for 2024**

1. The approved school calendar for 2024 is as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>
First	15 January 2024 (educators) 17 January 2024 (learners)	20 March 2024
Second	03 April 2024	14 June 2024
Third	09 July 2024	20 September 2024
Fourth	01 October 2024	11 December 2024 (learners) 13 December 2024 (educators)

<b>Term</b>	<b>Number of weeks</b>	<b>Number of days</b>	<b>Number of public holidays</b>	<b>Actual number of school days</b>
First	10	46(48)	0	46(48)
Second	11	53	1+0	52
Third	11	54	1+0	53
Fourth	11	52(54)	0	52(54)
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>205(209)</b>	<b>2+0</b>	<b>203(207)</b>

*(Numbers in brackets are for educators)*

2. **Public and school holidays in 2024:**

01 January 2024 – New Year's Day  
21 March 2024 – Human Rights Day  
29 March 2024 – Good Friday  
01 April 2024 – Family Day  
27 April 2024 – Freedom Day  
01 May 2024 – Workers' Day  
16 June 2024 – Youth Day  
17 June 2024 – Public Holiday: Youth Day observed  
09 August 2024 – National Women's Day  
24 September 2024 – Heritage Day  
16 December 2024 – Day of Reconciliation  
25 December 2024 – Christmas Day  
26 December 2024 – Day of Goodwill

3. Principals are urgently requested to inform all educators, learners, parents and members of governing bodies of the content of this minute.

**SIGNED:** AJE MEYER

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: INSTITUTION DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION**

**DATE:** 2023-03-09