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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 2025**

1. The approved school calendar for 2025 is as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>
First	13 January 2025 (educators) 15 January 2025 (learners)	28 March 2025
Second	08 April 2025	27 June 2025
Third	22 July 2025	03 October 2025
Fourth	13 October 2025	10 December 2025 (learners) 12 December 2025 (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	11	53 (55)	1	52 (54)
Second	12	59	5+3	51
Third	11	54	1	53
Fourth	09	43 (45)	0	43 (45)
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>209 (213)</b>	<b>7+3</b>	<b>199 (203)</b>

*(Numbers in brackets are for educators)*

2. **Public and school holidays in 2025:**

01 January 2025 – New Year's Day  
21 March 2025 – Human Rights Day  
18 April 2025 – Good Friday  
21 April 2025 – Family Day  
27 April 2025 – Freedom Day  
28 April 2025 – Public Holiday -Freedom Day observed  
29 April 2025 – Special school holiday  
30 April 2025 – Special school holiday  
01 May 2025 – Workers' Day  
02 May 2025 – Special school holiday  
16 June 2025 – Youth Day  
09 August 2025 – National Women's Day  
24 September 2025 – Heritage Day  
16 December 2025 – Day of Reconciliation  
25 December 2025 – Christmas Day  
26 December 2025 – 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