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Curriculum FET Minute: 0007/2024

To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Subject Advisers and Principals of Schools of Skill and ordinary public and independent schools

Subject: Extension of the piloting of the vocationally oriented subjects in approved ordinary public and independent schools

1. The Council of Education Ministers approved the piloting of the occupationally oriented curriculum in Schools of Skill, which ended in 2020. The full implementation for this curriculum commenced in 2021.
2. The purpose of this minute is to notify schools of the extension of the pilot programme according to the current provisions as communicated through the Department of Basic Education (DBE) Circular S13 of 2023, dated 10 May 2023, and Circular S2 of 2024, dated 26 January 2024.
3. The extension of the pilot programme is necessary for policy processes to be finalised.
4. DBE Circular S10 of 2020, dated 19 November 2020, provided guidance regarding the full implementation of the occupationally oriented curriculum in Schools of Skill and the piloting of the vocationally oriented curriculum in ordinary public schools.
5. Circular S13 of 2023 informed schools about the extension of the pilot programme and the increase in the programme offerings for the curriculum.
6. Schools that are currently piloting the curriculum should continue to offer the approved subject(s) for Grades 8 and 9 in 2025.
7. The Western Cape Education Department will inform schools when the policy is finalised and the date for full implementation is confirmed by the DBE. Note that the protocols for offering new subjects will align with Circular 0036/2021, dated 18 June 2021.

- Principals of ordinary public and independent schools are kindly requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all educators and relevant staff.

SIGNED: BJ LORISTON

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

DATE: 2024-11-14