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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Foundation Phase Subject Advisers, Principals, and departmental heads of ordinary public schools

Subject: Roll out of a structured Afrikaans Home Language Literacy Programme based on the Science of Reading in the Foundation Phase

1. In 2019, the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) decided to follow a differentiated language approach for each of the three Home Languages (HLs) in the province. This was based on the outcomes of the 2011–2019 Systemic Test results as well as the 2016 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study results.
2. In-depth research was done on the science of reading. This research led to a decision to follow a synthetic phonics approach to teach reading in the Foundation Phase.
3. In 2020, the WCED partnered with *Funda Wandé* and collaboratively developed an Afrikaans HL programme for the Foundation Phase. The synthetic phonics approach is built into this programme.
4. The *Funda Wandé* programme was piloted in 40 Afrikaans Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) schools in 2021 and extended to 50 more pilot schools in 2022.
5. The *Funda Wandé* programme was rolled out to all Foundation Phase classes at Afrikaans LoLT schools in 2023 and will continue until 2025. All Grade 1 and 2 educators were already trained in 2023.
6. The programme aims to strengthen reading and comprehension in Afrikaans HL in the Foundation Phase. This forms part of the Western Cape's reading strategy and WCED's five-year strategic plan.
7. This minute serves to notify schools that all Grade 3 educators will receive training and classes will be included in the roll-out in 2025.

8. Grade 3 educators will be trained from 25–27 September 2024. All Grade 3 educators teaching Afrikaans HL and departmental heads in the Foundation Phase are required to attend the training.
9. Districts will communicate the details and venues of this training in advance.
10. For further information, please contact the relevant district Foundation Phase coordinator:

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11. Principals are requested to bring this minute to the attention of all Foundation Phase educators and School Management Teams at their schools.

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