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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads of sub directorates and sections at Head Office, Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Heads: Special Needs Coordination and Advice, Circuit Managers, Subject Advisers, Principals of public schools, Heads of registered Grade R sites and Chairpersons of governing bodies at ordinary public schools

Short summary: *Request to schools to nominate deserving teachers for the 2019 National Teaching Awards.*

Subject: 2019 National Teaching Awards

1. The National Teaching Awards (NTAs) recognise excellence and high levels of professionalism and provide the education fraternity with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of outstanding teachers by highlighting the exceptional work done by teachers.
2. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is, therefore, proud to present and host the 20th annual provincial awards ceremony, a preliminary event before the 20th annual NTAs ceremony.
3. An electronic version of the Nomination and Information Guide, containing the nomination forms and qualifying criteria, is available from the links below. A copy of the Nomination and Information Guide is also attached. Please note that no printed copies will be supplied to schools. Schools are requested to download the said documents via the following links:

- <https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za>

4. All teachers, governing bodies and district officials are invited to submit nominations, based on the criteria contained in the Nomination and Information Guide, to their principals or centre managers.
5. Deserving teachers may be nominated in the following categories:
 - Excellence in Grade R Teaching
 - Excellence in Primary School Teaching (Grades 1–7)
 - Excellence in Secondary School Teaching (Grades 8–12)
 - Excellence in Primary School Leadership
 - Excellence in Secondary School Leadership
 - Excellence in Special Needs Teaching
 - Excellence in Technology – Enhanced Teaching and Learning
 - Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (GET)
 - Excellence in Teaching Natural Sciences (GET)
 - Lifetime Achievement Award
6. Only teachers, i.e. principals, deputy principals, teachers, therapists and psychologists, at public schools for learners with special education needs may enter for the Excellence in Special Needs Teaching category. Please refer to paragraph 7.1 (Pg. 46) of the Nomination and Information Guide for further clarification.
7. Principals and centre managers are requested to forward the completed nomination forms to their respective district offices for the attention of the district coordinators. Should you require additional information, please contact the relevant district coordinator listed below:

District	District coordinator(s)	Tel. no.	Email address
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8. Nominees are requested to familiarise themselves with the criteria and process for adjudication.
9. For the selection of winners at cluster, provincial and national levels, nominees will be required to give a presentation (PowerPoint or poster) on both the general and specific criteria, highlighting their work to be considered for this coveted award. This will serve as the final interview for determining cluster, provincial and national winners.
10. A maximum of five teachers may form a team per category.
11. The closing date for the submission of all nomination forms to district coordinators is **23 August 2019.**
12. Cluster and provincial runners-up and winners will each receive Information and Communication Technology (ICT) vouchers of different values to be redeemed at a reputable ICT service provider, i.e.:

Level	Value of ICT voucher
Cluster winners	R4 000
Cluster runners-up (2 nd and 3 rd)	R2 000
Provincial winners	R12 000
Provincial runners-up	R7 000

13. All provincial winners will also be awarded a laptop.
14. In addition, winning schools will each receive a cash award of R5 000 (cluster) and R7 500 (provincial) per school per finalist, to be used for the professional development of the teaching staff to improve classroom practice.
15. The NTAs are supported by the Head of Education, unions, governing body associations and the Provincial Minister of Education.
16. All members of the school community are encouraged to participate in nominating deserving teachers for the NTAs.
17. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all teaching staff.

SIGNED: BK SCHREUDER
HEAD: EDUCATION
DATE: 2019-08-02