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To: Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Curriculum Support, Subject Advisers, Heads: ISLES Coordination and Advice, Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies at public schools

Subject: Celebrating International School Library Month (ISLM)

1. During October 2023 school libraries in South Africa and across the world celebrated and promoted library and information services at schools.
2. In celebration of ISLM 2023, the Minister of Education in the Western Cape has decided to involve all Western Cape Education Department (WCED) schools, teachers, and learners. Learners will have the opportunity to express their feelings regarding libraries and at the same time win resources for their school library.
3. The Education Library and Information Services, in collaboration with the Minister's office, will afford 10 WCED schools the opportunity to win school library resources to the value of R300 000 with the theme "**#Back OnTrack with school libraries!**"
4. This year there are two categories in which schools can enter:
 - (a) **Poetry competition (Grades 4–12)**; and
 - (b) **Poster/Drawing competition (Grades 1–3 including special schools)**.
5. The prize money in the two categories will be divided as follows:
 - 5.1 **Poetry competition**
 - **Three secondary/high schools** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa; and
 - **Three primary schools** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa.

5.2 Poster/Drawing competition

- **Three primary schools (Grades 1–3)** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa; and
 - **One special school** will receive R30 000 for a winning entry.
6. Teachers will have to collate the drawings/posters and poems and mail one entry per school to Alison.Mentor@westerncape.gov.za.
 7. The closing date for the competition is **Wednesday, 13 December 2023**, and the winners will be notified telephonically or via email.
 8. The announcement of winning schools and the prize handover will take place on a date determined by the WCED.
 9. For enquiries about the competition and for terms and conditions, please contact Janine.Ontong@westerncape.gov.za.
 10. The following WCED district officials may be contacted regarding school library services:

Lorné Erasmus - School Library Service Officer
Overberg district: tel. no. 028 214 7386

Tirzah Arendse - School Library Service Officer
Eden and Central Karoo district: tel. no. 044 803 8377

Vernon Koen - School Library Service Officer
Metro East district: tel. no. 021 900 7049

Sinethemba Mdunyelwa - School Library Service Officer
West Coast district: tel. no. 021 860 1200
 11. Principals are requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of all concerned.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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