



QUALITY EDUCATION

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

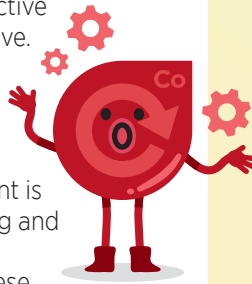
# LET US MAKE 2023 THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR YET!

Welcome back to the 2023 school year!

A warm welcome also to all those parents joining the Western Cape public school system for the very first time.

For many, it is the start of a 12-year journey with us and our school communities. For some, it may be the final year. Regardless of where you are in the cycle, the focus required for the school year ahead is important. We need to take each other by the hand and provide a nurturing, protective and safe environment where our children can thrive.


We want to ensure that **every child, in every classroom, in every school in the province receives quality education.** For this to happen parental support, encouragement and involvement is essential in every grade. We lost valuable teaching and learning time during the COVID-19 pandemic and now it's time to get "back on track" to recover these losses and make solid gains.



Whilst we have made some progress over the past year, sadly, we have also seen some decline in learner behaviour at our schools. Anti-social behaviour, bullying, assault and the possession of illegal substances at schools are on the rise. The toll this has placed on many of our educators has sometimes been too high - with some giving up on the profession.

As Head of Education in this province, I therefore appeal to every one of you to help us maintain acceptable behaviour in our schools. Our educators have a role to play but your role as parent is fundamental to all our success. You are a role model and you help shape your child's opinions, values, attitudes and approach towards learning and life in general.

**Here are some ways in which I think you can assist:**



- » Encourage your child to go to school on time every day, **prepared to learn, to play, to participate and to enjoy.**
- » Ensure that every child treats his/her educators in a respectful manner.

- » Promote positive behaviour and hope. Children who are hopeful and happier reportedly perform better academically, in extramural activities and in life.
- » Engage with your child about their education and other interests daily, e.g. make reading a priority in your home or talk about the next soccer match or whatever is in the news.
- » Build their self-esteem, allowing them to become confident and independent thinkers and doers!
- » Discuss the consequences of actions and teach them that life is about choices - Our children will test our limits, but we need to set the boundaries.
- » Talk with your children about values. These form an integral part of society and are found in various contexts, including in homes or school or sports clubs or religious associations. Discuss your values and ask your children which values they believe are their own.
- » Support your child's educator throughout the school year. Educators have a heavy burden to carry and your cooperation will ultimately benefit your child. Obviously, there are exceptions to this, exceptions that may require intervention from school management. However, give your child's educator the chance to grow with your child as they tackle this new school year.
- » Be a good role model in everything that you do!

Being an ex-teacher myself, I know that the overwhelming majority of our educators come to this profession with high hopes of being able to help others be the best version of themselves. Let us do all we can to strengthen our teachers so that our children can reap the benefits.

In Africa there is a saying that says it takes a village to raise a child. We are the village - all of us. Let us make 2023 the best school year yet.

Let us live for our children.

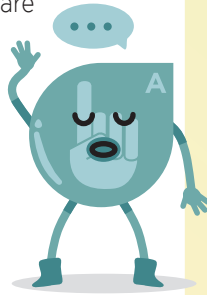
**Brent Walters**  
Head: Education

# KOM ONS MAAK 2023 DIE BESTE SKOOLJAAR OOI!

Welkom terug aan die begin van die 2023-skooljaar!

Hartlik welkom ook aan al daardie ouers wat vir die heel eerste keer deel is van die Wes-Kaap se openbare skoolstelsel.

Vir baie mense is dit die begin van 'n reis van 12 jaar saam met ons en ons skoolgemeenskappe. Ongeag waar u in die siklus bevind, is die fokus van die skooljaar wat voorlê, baie belangrik. Ons moet hande vat en 'n koesterende, beskermende en veilige omgewing skep waar ons kinders kan floreer.



Ons wil seker maak dat **elke kind, in elke klas, in elke skool in die provinsie gehalteonderrig ontvang**. Hiervoor is die ondersteuning, aanmoediging en betrokkenheid van ouers in elke graad noodsaaklik. Tydens die COVID-19-pandemie het kosbare onderrig- en leertyd verlore gegaan, en nou is dit tyd om "weer op koers te kom" om hierdie verliese in te haal en goeie en grondige vordering te maak.

Hoewel ons in die vorige jaar vordering gemaak het, is ons ongelukkig ook gekonfronteer met ongewenste leerdergedrag by ons skole. Antisosiale gedrag, boeliegedrag, aanranding en die besit van onwettige middels by skole is aan die toeneem. Dit het soveel druk op baie van ons opvoeders geplaas dat dit vir sommige te veel geword het, en hulle die professie verlaat het.

As Hoof van Onderwys in hierdie provinsie, wil ek daarom op elkeen van u 'n beroep doen om ons te help om aanvaarbare gedrag in ons skole te handhaaf. As opvoeders het ons 'n rol om te speel, maar u rol as ouer is die fondament waarop ons bou en wat dit vir ons moontlik maak om sukses te behaal. U is 'n rolmodel en u help om u kind se menings, waardes, ingesteldheid en benadering tot leer en die breër konteks van die lewe te vorm.

## Daar is baie maniere waarop u 'n bydrae kan lewer:



- » Moedig u kind aan om elke dag skool toe te gaan, **gereed en bereid om te leer, te speel, deel te neem en dit te geniet**.
- » Maak seker dat elke kind sy of haar opvoeders met respek behandel.
- » Moedig positiewe gedrag en hoop aan. Kinders wat hoopvol en gelukkig is, presteer beter op skool, in buitemuurse aktiwiteite en in die lewe.

- » Wees elke dag betrokke by jou kind se opvoeding en ander belangstellings. Sorg byvoorbeeld dat lees 'n daaglikse prioriteit in jul huis is en gesels oor die volgende sokkerwedstryd of enige ander nuusgebeure.
- » Kweek selfgating by u kinders, want dit sal van hulle selfversekerde en onafhanklike denkers en doeners maak!
- » Bespreek die gevolge van daad met u kinders en leer hulle dat die lewe oor keuses gaan. Ons kinders gaan ons grense toets, maar ons moet daardie grense stel.
- » Gesels met u kinders oor waardes. Waardes is 'n integrale deel van ons samelewing en is belangrik in verskeie kontekste, soos ons huise, skole, sportklubs of godsdiensverenigings. Gesels met u kinders oor u waardes en vra hulle watter waardes hulle as hul eie aanvaar.
- » Ondersteun u kind se opvoeder regdeur die skooljaar. Opvoeders het 'n swaar las om te dra, en uiteindelik sal u kind by u samewerking baat. Daar is natuurlik altyd uitsonderings, uitsonderings wat intervensie van die skoolbestuur mag vereis. Gee egter u kind se opvoeder die kans om saam met u kind te groei wanneer hulle hierdie nuwe skooljaar aanpak.
- » Wees 'n goeie rolmodel in alles wat u doen!

Omdat ek self onderwys gegee het, weet ek dat die oorweldigende meerderheid opvoeders hierdie professie kies omdat hulle ander wil help om die beste weergawe van hulself te wees. Kom ons doen alles in ons vermoë om ons opvoeders te versterk sodat ons kinders die voordele daarvan kan geniet.

In Afrika is daar 'n spreekwoord wat sê dat 'n hele dorp saam 'n kind grootmaak. Ons is die dorp – almal van ons. Kom ons maak 2023 die beste skooljaar ooit.

Kom ons leef vir ons kinders.

**Brent Walters**  
Hoof: Onderwys

Bazali, Bagcini naBanonopheli babafundi, ababekekileyo

# MASIMENZE U-2023 OWONA NYAKA WESIKOLO UGQWESILEYO NANGOKU!

Siyanamkela kwakhona kunyaka wesikolo ka-2023!

Sikwamkela ngobubele bonke abo bazali bangena kwinkqubo yemfundo yezikolo zikarhulumente yaseNtshona Koloni okokuqala ngqa. Kwabaninzi, sisiqalo sohambo lweminyaka eli-12 kunye nathi nabahlali besikolo ngokunjalo. Kwabanye, inokuba ngunyaka wokugqibela. Nokuba undawoni na kulo mjikelo, kubalulekile ukugxininisa okuyimfuneko kunyaka wesikolo ozayo. Kufuneka sisebenzisane yaye siyenze indawo yokufunda ibe yekhuselekileyo nebakhuselayo abantwana bethu abanokukhula kuyo.

Sifuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba wonke umntwana, kwiklasi nganye, kwisikolo ngasinye kwiphondo ufumana imfundo esemgangathweni. Ukwenzela ukuba kwenzeke oku, inkxaso nenkuthazo yabazali, nokuthatha inxaxheba kubalulekile kuwo onke amabakala. Siphulukene nexesha elixabisekileyo lokufundisa nokufunda ngexesha likabhuhane we-COVID-19 yaye ngoku lixesha lokuba "sibuyisele imeko esiqhelweni" ukuze sibuyise elo xesha siphulukene nalo yaye sifumane inzuzo ebonakalayo.

Lo gama senze inkqubela kulo nyaka uphelileyo, ngelishwa, siye sabona ukuhla komgangatho kwindlela yokuziphatha kwabafundi ezikolweni zethu. Zandile izenzo zendlela yokuziphatha engamkelekanga phakathi kwabanye abantu, ezokubhulishwa (bullying), ezokubethwa (assault) nokufunyaniswa neziyobisi ezingekhomthethweni. Uninzi lootitshala bethu ngamanye amaxesha lufumana ubunzima obukhulu ngenxa yezi meko- ngokokude abanye bawuncame umsebenzi wokufundisa.

NjengeNtloko yeSebe leMfundo kweli phondo, ndiyaniibongoza ke ngoko nonke ukuba nisancedise sigcine indlela yokuziphatha eyamkelekileyo ezikolweni zethu. Ootitshala bethu banendima abayidlalayo kodwa indima yenu njengabazali ingundoqo kuyo yonke impumelelo yethu. Ningumzekelo yaye niyancedisa ekubumbeni izimvo zabantwana benu, iimfundiso ezisisiseko zabo, iindlela abacinga ngayo neendlela zabo zokufunda nobomi babo ngokunjalo.



- » Ukukhuthaza indlela yokuziphatha efanelekileyo nenika ithemba. Abantwana abanethemba nabonwabileyo, bachazwa njengabaqhuba bhetele ezifundweni, kwimisebenzi yasemva kweyokufundisa kunye nakubomi babo ngokunjalo.
- » Ukuzibandakanya nabantwana benu yonke imihla ngemfundo yabo nangezinye izinto abanomdla kuzo, umz. ukufunda kwenze kube yeyona nto iphambili kwikhaya lakho okanye uthethe ngomdlalo webhola ekhatywayo olandelayo okanye nantoni na esezindabeni.
- » Ukwakha ukuzithemba kwabo, ukubavumela ukuba bazithembe yaye bakwazi ukucinga nokwenza ngokuzimeleyo!
- » Ukuxoxa ngeziphumo zezenzo zabo yaye nibafundise ukuba ubomi bumalunga nokukhetha - **Abantwana bethu baya kuyivavanya imida esiyibekayo, kodwa kufuneka sibeke imida abangenakugqitha kuyo.**
- » Ukuthetha nabantwana bakho ngeemfundiso eziziseko. Ziyinxalenye ebalulekileyo yoluntu yaye zifumaneka kwiimeko ezahlukeneyo, kuqukwa nakumakhaya ethu okanye esikolweni okanye kwiklabhu zezemidlalo okanye kwimibutho yezenkolo. Thetha ngeemfundiso eziziseko zakho uze ubabuze abantwana bakho ukuba zeziphi iimfundiso eziziseko abakholelwa ukuba zezabo.
- » Ukuxhasa utitshala womntwana wakho unyaka wesikolo wonke. Ootitshala banomthwalo onzima ekufuneka bewuthwele yaye intsebenziswano yenu, ekugqibeleni, iya kuba yinzuzo kumntwana wakho. Ngokucacileyo, kukho iimeko ezinxaxhileyo koku, ngaphandle kwezinto ezinokuthi zifune ukungenelela kwekomiti yolawulo yesikolo. Nangona kunjalo, mnike utitshala womntwana wakho ithuba lokukhula nomntwana wakho njengoko bejongene nalo nyaka mtsha wesikolo.
- » Ukuba ngumzekelo omhle kuyo yonke into eniyenzayo!

Njengoko ndandikhe ndangutitshala nam ngaphambili, ndiyazi ukuba uninzi lootitshala bethu beza kulo msebenzi benethemba elikhulu lokukwazi ukunceda abanye babe ngabona bantu bagqibeleleyo. Masenze konke esinako ukomeleza ootitshala bethu ukuze abantwana bethu bavune iziqhamo.

E-Afrika kukho intetho ethi umntwana ukhuliswa yilali. Siyilali - sonke. Masimenze u-2023 owona nyaka wesikolo ubalaseleyo nangoku.

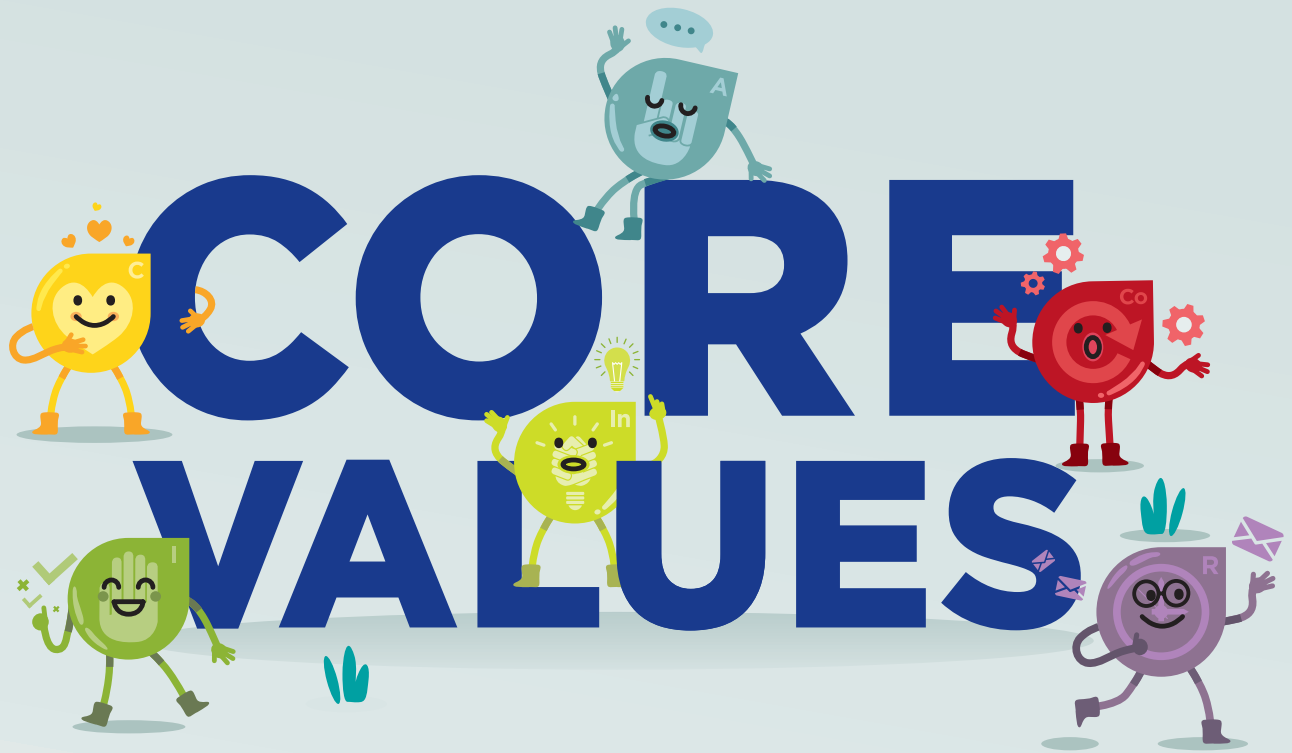
Masiphilele abantwana bethu.

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## Nazi ezinye iindlela endicinga ukuba ninganceda ngazo:

- » Ukukhuthaza abantwana benu ukuba baye ngexesha esikolweni yonke imihla, elungiselele **ukufunda, ukudlala, ukuthatha inxaxheba nokonwaba.**
- » Ukuqinisekisa ukuba wonke umntwana ubaphatha ngembeko ootitshala bakhe.





### Caring

To care for those we serve and work with.



### Integrity

To be honest and do the right thing.



### Competence

The ability and capacity to do the job we were employed to do.



### Innovation

To be open to new ideas and develop creative solutions to problems in a resourceful way.



### Accountability

We take responsibility.



### Responsiveness

To serve the needs of our citizens and employees.

**These are our values. What are yours?**



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