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FROM: SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION 5 : PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – GENERAL

DATE: 16 MARCH 2020

1. This Instruction must be read in conjunction with all instructions previously issued in this regard.
2. As indicated in Instruction 1, the situation is very fluid, and is changing every day. Unfortunately, the process is not unfolding according to a pre-determined script.
3. Meetings are taking place every day between various stakeholders, such as the MEC's of Education, Heads of Departments, and other stakeholders, such as organised labour.
4. On Wednesday 18 March a meeting took place between the Head of Department and the provincial leadership of the unions, and it was resolved as follows:
 1. The addendum to circular 2 issued on 17 March 2020 is hereby withdrawn.
 2. Principals are hereby given the discretions to release all educators as soon as the principal is convinced that:
 - a. All administrative functions have been concluded by educators.

- b. Plans are in place to provide all learners with tasks and work plans to ensure that teaching and learning continuous during the period of closure.
 3. Non-teaching staff performing essential services such as security services and providing services at agricultural schools shall provide services in the normal course of their employment contract.
6. With specific reference to Instruction 4, Principals are instructed to ensure that all educators, learners, parents, and the broader school community is provided with the contact details of the information centre, which is info2020@ecdoe.gov.za and a toll free number 087311455. It is of critical importance that that all information regarding incidents of the virus are communicated to the information centre, as it will enable the Department to identify hot-spots, affected areas, and to make an informed decision on the re-opening of schools.
7. District Directors are hereby instructed to ensure that this communication reaches all schools immediately.

Yours faithfully



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SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL

18 / 03 / 2020

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