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**TO: PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**FROM: SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL**

**DATE: 17 MARCH 2020**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR GRADE 12 LEARNERS DURING MARCH APRIL HOLIDAY**

Dear Principal

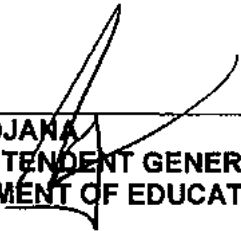
As you know by now, schools in South Africa will close from 18 March to 14 April 2020. This change in the school calendar has, understandably, caused anxiety for Grade 12 learners, their teacher and parents.

The Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDOE) is sympathetic to this concern especially as there are just over 200 days until the National Senior Certificate (NSC) exams begin. The ECDOE would like all Grade 12 learners to continue preparing for these important examinations in the extended holiday period.

As a minimum we recommend that schools provide the following support to Grade 12 learners:

1. Encourage all learners and parents to ensure learners **spend at least three hours every day reading and writing.**
2. Allow learners to take their textbooks home with them on 18 March with clear instructions on which sections to read and which assessment tasks to complete.
3. Ensure learners take all five setwork books home with clear instructions on reading these setworks and completing writing tasks.
4. Provide learners with information on radio and TV broadcasts related to their subjects. The ECDOE will post these on its website on Tuesday 17 March 2020.
5. The ECDOE has a large number of assessment tasks, past exam papers and learning material available on the website. Please inform your learners of these.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your dedication to your learners. Let us work together to ensure that learning continues during the weeks and months ahead.  
Best wishes



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