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The District Director
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Dear District Director

ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2021 SYSTEMIC EVALUATION

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) was supposed to conduct the national Systemic Evaluation (SE) study during the fourth school term of 2021. The DBE has appointed Entsika Consulting Services (PTY) LTD to conduct the administration of the SE study. Entsika is based in Gauteng but will have a provincial fieldwork manager in each province who will liaise with you regarding the administration of the SE study.

However, Entsika could not administer the SE learner tests and interviews as scheduled due to the non-appointment of a service provider responsible for printing the SE tests and manuals. The tender was cancelled due to none of the bidders satisfying the qualifying criteria.

The administration of the SE tests and interviews will therefore be postponed to February - March 2022 to allow the Supply Chain processes of appointing a service provider for printing to be redone.

The SE will still involve the testing of learners in Mathematics and Languages. The shifting of the administration period implies that the 2021 sampled class and grade will still write the test, but in a grade higher in 2022. The administration has a window period of three to four weeks in the sampled schools and it must be completed during that period. Fieldworkers appointed by Entsika will spend two to three days in a school to complete the evaluation process and the testing of learners. Schools have been sampled for specific grades and were informed of the study by the province. During 2021, the provincial coordinator completed a verification of all the sampled schools participating in the study in your district. The schedule of school dates when fieldworkers will arrive at the school will be communicated directly to the school.

The list of sampled schools for your district is available from the provincial coordinator. In addition to the learners' tests, your district is one of the sampled districts that will be evaluated

relating to support provided to schools in your district. The following officials will be required to take part in the evaluation study:

- a. District Director;
- b. Mathematics subject advisor(s); and
- c. Language(s) subject advisor(s).

The officials selected must be those responsible for supporting the relevant grades in the subjects of the sampled schools. Entsika will set up a date with the district for the officials to each complete a questionnaire which will be collected upon completion within a day or two. Where evidence is required please make it available to Entsika, it will not be taken away but needed for verification purposes. The questionnaires focus on national and/or provincial programmes and how they have been mediated at provincial and district levels and their effectiveness, and whether they are positively contributing towards the improvement of learner achievement and the context of learning.

The Department would therefore request that the Entsika Consulting Services (PTY) LTD fieldworkers be allowed to administer the SE study in the identified sampled schools and in your district office.

For further information, including the list of sampled schools for your district please contact the Provincial Coordinator, Ms Tembakazi Mgengo at Tembakazi.mgengo@ecdoe.gov.za.

Your support and understanding in this regard is much appreciated in making the study a success.

Yours sincerely



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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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