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DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF SCHOOL READING POLICIES

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In October 2022 the Eastern Cape Department of Education' (ECDOE) launched its Reading Strategy and Campaign.
- 1.2 One of the most important aspects of the Reading Strategy is that **all schools offering Grades 1 to 9 are expected to develop and implement their own School Reading Policy (SRP).**
- 1.3 This is a call to all schools which have not yet submitted their School Reading Policies to do so before schools close for the 2023 academic year.
- 1.4 Section 2 of this Circular provides the minimum content requirements of a School Reading Policy.

2. MINIMUM EXPECTED CONTENT OF THE SCHOOL READING POLICY

2.1 The School Reading Policy Specifications

2.1.1 The School Reading Policy should include:

- ✓ the Language of Learning and Teaching of the school;
- ✓ the Home Language of the school;
- ✓ The First Additional Language (FAL) of the school;
- ✓ The Second Additional Language if applicable of the school;
- ✓ the School's Reading Norms;
- ✓ the name of the School's Reading Champion.

2.1.2 The School Reading Policy should be developed by a team of teachers from the school and be presented to all teaching staff at the school and the School Governing Body (SGB) for comment.

2.1.3 The final approved School Reading Policy should be signed by the School Principal and the Chairperson of the SGB and emailed to the Circuit Manager of the School before the 10 December 2023.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Annexure 1 of this Circular contains a template which may be used by Schools for their School Reading Policy.

3.2 The following links contain videos on the School Reading Policies in English and Isi-Xhosa. Click on the links to view the videos.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cDb2ruAyn_31f07DuMLFAWrw2Uwi95jb/view?usp=drive_web

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17p3ccyesykCEGSqAVzVmM7J8RmqtrpCN/view?usp=drive_web

3.3 The ECDOE appreciates your commitment to supporting reading and looks forward to receiving your School Reading Policy.

Yours in education,



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