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To: Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Learner Support, Provincial Programme Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Planning Officials and Principals of public and independent special schools

Subject: 2025 SNAP survey for public and independent special schools

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) SNAP survey for special schools will be conducted on **04 March 2025**.
2. Principals will be required to sign off on the accuracy of learner and staff data on CEMIS. The due date for Provincial Programme Managers and Heads: Management and Governance and Planning officials to sign off on the SNAP Survey data is **11 March 2025**.
3. Before signing off on CEMIS, the principal or their delegate must ensure that the following information reflects correctly on CEMIS:
 - (a) All learners who are registered and attending school in 2025 appear in their correct grades, classes and language of learning and teaching category.
 - (b) Learner transfers (in and out) have been completed.
 - (c) Deceased learners are deregistered and the "date deceased" recorded as indicated on the death certificate.
 - (d) Grade changes have been completed.
 - (e) Subject changes have been completed.
4. The principal or their delegate must also ensure that the list of educators on CEMIS is updated and verified, as well as the years of experience, grades and subjects taught during 2025. Remove grades and subjects taught in previous years if not applicable to the educator's 2025 workload.
5. To assist with the verification of learner and educator data, a number of error reports are available to guide and ensure that the existing data captured on CEMIS is correct. Kindly ensure that all errors, as displayed by these reports, are resolved prior to sign off.

6. The sign-off section of the survey must be completed as acknowledgement that the data has been verified and is an accurate reflection of the learner enrolment and number of staff members on **11 March 2025**.
7. As the institutional Education Management Information Systems (EMIS) officer, the principal must manage the data processes to ensure that evidence of verification and the signatures of the staff delegated to check the data can be presented upon request by auditors. The school's EMIS data business process must be recorded to ensure accountability for data accuracy, as the information is auditable.
8. A CEMIS report is available to identify learners without identity document (ID) numbers and to facilitate the capturing of missing ID numbers. DO NOT capture an invalid ID number if a learner is not in possession of a valid ID number. Please advise parents on the process of applying for an ID at the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Principals are reminded of Circular 0053/2021, originally dated 31 August 2021 and reissued on 09 March 2022, on the admission of undocumented South African or foreign learners and are requested to assist parents where possible, to facilitate the process through the DHA.
9. The Directorate: Knowledge and Information Management will be monitoring compliance and the data quality of all annual survey submissions and will report any instances of non-compliance, discrepancies and data deficiencies to the Head of Education.
10. Should you experience technical difficulties while completing the SNAP survey, please contact the Schools IT Services Desk at 021 834 4690 or SchoolsIT.Servicedesk@westerncape.gov.za
11. Independent special schools are reminded to acquaint themselves with their conditions for registration. Please note that adhering to the WCED's data requirements is part of these conditions, and non-compliance may lead to deregistration.

12. If you find it difficult to complete the survey, kindly liaise with the relevant circuit manager or district official listed below:

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13. Please bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all relevant staff.

SIGNED: MS ABRAHAMS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: EDUCATION PLANNING

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