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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Foundation Phase Subject Advisers, Principals, and departmental heads of ordinary public schools

Subject: Pilot of a structured Mathematics programme in the Foundation Phase

1. In 2021, the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) decided to prioritise the Foundation Phase to ensure that all Foundation Phase learners acquire a solid foundation in Language and Mathematics skills.
2. A Home Language (HL) programme was piloted in 2021 and 2022, whereafter all educators in Grades 1–3 were trained in a HL from 2023 to 2024.
3. This year (2025) is the final year of a three-year rollout for the HL programme, whereafter a Mathematics programme aimed at intervention in the Foundation Phase will be rolled out.
4. Seventy pilot schools across all eight districts and representatives of all three official languages will be identified to pilot the Mathematics programme in 2026.
5. The Mathematics programme will be rolled out incrementally to all Foundation Phase classes from 2027 to 2029.
6. The programme will aim to strengthen educator practice in Mathematics in the Foundation Phase and forms part of the Western Cape's Mathematics strategy and WCED's five-year strategic plan.
7. This minute serves to notify schools that all the Grade 1 educators at the 70 pilot schools will receive training in 2025.
8. All Grade 1 educators teaching Mathematics as well as the departmental heads of the pilot schools will receive training, and they are required to attend the training which will run from 06–09 October 2025.
9. Districts will communicate the details and venues of this training in advance.

10. For further information, please contact the relevant district Foundation Phase coordinator:

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11. Principals are requested to bring this minute to the attention of all Foundation Phase educators and School Management Teams at their schools.

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