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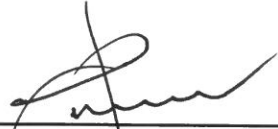
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2020 PROVINCIAL COMMON EXAMINATIONS

1. This Assessment Instruction is to inform all schools with grades 9, 10 and 11 regarding the Provincial Common Examinations for 2020.
2. It was a norm every year that the Province set common assessment instruments/question papers for grades 9, 10 and 11 to ensure that common standards across the Province in these grades are maintained. It assisted the Province to measure the performance of the learners in these grades with a common tool, especially for Grade 11.
3. The outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown has impacted on teaching and learning in the schooling system for the 2020 academic year. A lot of teaching days were lost as a result and also due the sporadic outbreaks of the coronavirus in schools that further impacted on effective teaching and learning.
4. After careful evaluation of the current situation in the schooling environment, the Province has decided, after extensive consultation with stakeholders, to not administer any Common Provincial Examinations in 2020 for grades 9, 10 and 11.



5. Schools are urged to set their own tests for grades 9, 10 and 11 in 2020 and administer the tests without compromising the Grade 12 NSC Examination and fully comply with all applicable Covid-19 regulations such as social distancing and maintaining hygiene protocols.
6. All heads of education institutions should ensure that the content of this Assessment Instruction is disseminated to all teachers and education stakeholders.

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