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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 39 OF 2024

TO

- DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL**
- CHIEF DIRECTORS**
- HEAD OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS**
- CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS**
- DISTRICT CURRICULUM COORDINATORS**
- DISTRICT ASSESSMENT OFFICIALS (DAOs)**
- DISTRICT SUBJECT ADVISORS (DSAs)**
- PROVINCIAL SUBJECT COORDINATORS**
- CIRCUIT MANAGERS**
- DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS**
- SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS**
- PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 12)**
- TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS**
- SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE **06 AUGUST 2024**

**PARTICIPATION IN THE PRE-PLEDGE SIGNING SESSION IN
RELATION TO THE 2024 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION**

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Eastern Cape Department of Education is causing all candidates registered to write the National Senior Certificate examinations sign a Pre-Pledge before the writing of the 2024 Preparatory Examination committing to comply with the Examinations Code of Conduct applicable to all candidates.
- 1.2 The pre-pledge session will assist 2024 class of Grade 12 to understand the meaning of examination irregularities as the mediation will be conducted in a calm or tranquil environment with at least eight weeks before the commencement of 2024 final National Senior Certificate examination.
- 1.3 The session will alleviate anxiety and create an environment of open interaction and mediation of examination irregularities that may compromise

the future of candidates. **The pre-pledge session will prepare and condition candidates for easy participation in the main National Pledge Signing Ceremony that will be held in October 2024.**

2. EXPECTATIONS OF THE CONDUCT OF THE PRE – PLEDGE SESSION

- 2.1 The pledge signing session will be held on **Friday 16 August 2024**, the session is not meant to infringe on normal school routine processes, a **maximum of two hours** should be utilised for this session.
- 2.2 The districts must ensure that all schools are provided with the brochures of the Pre-pledge to enable all learners to read and understand that the rationale for the pre-pledge session is to assist with the curbing and control of examination irregularities and is an attempt to adopt a more proactive rather than a reactive approach to the reduction of examination irregularities.
- 2.3 **The school principal must preside** over the pre-pledge session and with the assistance of teachers must ensure that each phrase of the pre-pledge brochure is well mediated to relay a clear message pertaining to the explanation of the do's and don'ts, how candidates must conduct and behave during the writing of examinations.
- 2.4 The consequences of possession of unauthorised material and other examination transgressions to get an advantage in the examination venues must be well clarified with an articulation of the meanings of ***nullification and barring***.
- 2.5 The Education Social Support Service (ESSS) sub-unit must be part of the session to assist learners with strategies to alleviate anxiety through stress management and coping skills techniques.

Co-operation by all districts and schools will be highly appreciated.

Yours in education



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR – GENERAL: CURRICULUM
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Comments:

*Pro-pledge shall equip candidates
for the final signing phase in Oct.*

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