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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, and Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies of public schools

Subject: School terms and public holidays for 2023

1. The approved school calendar for 2023 (**inland cluster**) is as follows:

Term	Opens	Closes
First	09 January 2023 (educators) 11 January 2023 (learners)	24 March 2023
Second	12 April 2023	23 June 2023
Third	18 July 2023	29 September 2023
Fourth	10 October 2023	13 December 2023 (learners) 15 December 2023 (educators)

Term	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
First	11	53 (55)	1+1	51 (53)
Second	11	53	3+1	49
Third	11	54	2	52
Fourth	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
Total	43	207 (211)	6+2	199 (203)

(Numbers in brackets are for educators)

2. The approved school calendar for 2023 (**coastal cluster**) is as follows:

Term	Opens	Closes
First	16 January 2023 (educators) 18 January 2023 (learners)	31 March 2023
Second	12 April 2023	23 June 2023
Third	18 July 2023	29 September 2023
Fourth	10 October 2023	13 December 2023 (learners) 15 December 2023 (educators)

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3. **Public and school holidays in 2023:**

01 January 2023 - New Year's Day
 02 January 2023 - Public holiday
 20 March 2023 - Special school holiday
 21 March 2023 - Human Rights Day
 07 April 2023 - Good Friday
 10 April 2023 - Family Day
 27 April 2023 - Freedom Day
 28 April 2023 - Special school holiday
 01 May 2023 - Workers' Day
 16 June 2023 - Youth Day
 09 August 2023 – National Women's Day
 24 September 2023 - Heritage Day
 25 September 2023 - Public holiday
 16 December 2023 - Day of Reconciliation
 25 December 2023 - Christmas Day
 26 December 2023 - Day of Goodwill

4. Principals are urgently requested to inform all educators, learners, parents and members of governing bodies of the content of this minute.

SIGNED: HA LEWIS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

DATE: 2022-04-05