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### **Circular S13 OF 2015**

The National Further Education and Training (FET) Literature Catalogue has been developed, approved and sent to provinces. After due consultation, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) has decided that Grade 11 must be implemented in 2016, Grade 12 in 2017 and Grade 10 in 2018. It is believed that implementation of grade 11s in 2016 will adequately prepare learners for implementation of grade 12 in 2017 as this will be the same cohort of learners who will be sitting for the 2017 National Senior Certificate (NSC). Provinces must immediately implement the procurement process for Grade 11.

The DBE has received reports that some provinces were prepared to procure networks for Grades 10, 11 and 12 or for two Grades at most. The DBE requests provinces and schools to procure for grade 10 as well. The funds for the subsequent years may be used to procure additional essential Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) and possibly the revised Grades 1- 3 and 10 National Catalogue.

The DBE is currently addressing the gaps in the approved Catalogue. Provinces, districts and schools will be updated in this regards.

Provinces and schools are reminded to ensure procurement of Grades 1 – 12 Top-Ups from the textbooks catalogues, Grade R, Technical Subjects, South African Sign Language Material (SASL) and Braille/Large Print where applicable.

In addition, the DBE is not prescribing new Grade 12 literature networks for any official language at Home, First and Second Additional Language levels for the National Senior Certificate Examinations in November/December 2016 and February/March 2017. The status quo remains for this period. Schools are required to study their respective prescribed literature texts as stipulated in:

- **Circular S8 of 2007** - Official Second Additional Languages;
- **Circular S4 of 2008** - Official Home and First Additional Languages;
- **Circular S2 of 2009** - African Languages (First Additional Languages); and
- **Circular S15 of 2014** - African Home Languages (Folklore)

As stipulated in Circular S13 of 2013 the status quo remains for the prescribed Grade 12 Poems for all official Home Languages, First Additional Languages as well as Short stories for official First Additional Languages and Second Additional Languages in public schools for the National Senior Certificate until November/December 2016 and February/March 2017.

You are kindly requested to bring Circular S13 of 2015 to the attention of all schools and teachers involved.

Yours sincerely

  
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