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To: The Deputy Directors General
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The Governance and Management Officials
The CESs: Circuit Management
The Circuit Managers
The Principals of Public Schools with Grade 8 and Higher

KZN CIRCULAR NO. 2 OF 2024

SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT OF THE 2024 RCL ELECTIONS

1. Section 11(1) of the South African Schools Act No.84 of 1996, as amended, states that *“every public school that has Grade 8 or higher must establish a representative council of learners (RCL) and such a council is the only recognized and legitimate body to represent learners.”*
2. The Provincial Notice No. 151 of 1997, published in the Provincial Gazette No. 5202 of May 1997, makes provision for the principal or an educator delegated by him or her as a Teacher Liaison Officer, to oversee the election of the RCL.
3. Principals of all public schools with Grade 8 or higher must ensure that RCLs are established in their schools by the 31st of January 2024.
4. Every RCL must elect an executive committee immediately after it has been established.
5. During the School Governing Body (SGB) elections, all RCLs must elect two or three learners among themselves to serve in the School Governing Body, depending on the required number as per SGB Elections Schedule. **NB: The School Electoral Officer appointed to conduct the SGB elections must be**



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invited by the principal for the election of RCL members to serve in the SGB on the set date during the election period.

6. It is requested that in carrying out this very important task, gender and racial balance be considered to promote social cohesion and to be in line with the nation building exercise.
7. Details regarding elected RCL members must be forwarded to the respective Circuit Managers by the 9th of February 2024. Circuit Managers will consolidate and forward to the District Governance and Management Sub-directorate by the 15th of February 2024.
8. In line with the Provincial Notice No. of 2023, Circuits and Districts are expected to coordinate election of RCL structures at their levels by the 28th of February 2024.
9. The date for the Provincial RCL Conference will be communicated through another circular, but it will be held in May 2024.
10. Your maximum co-operation in this regard is highly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GN Ngcobo', written over a horizontal line.

Mr GN Ngcobo

Head of Department: KZN Education

Date: 22/01/2024