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Dear Mr Ngcobo

MATHEMATICS SUPPORT FOR GRADE 6 AND SENIOR PHASE TEACHERS AND LEARNERS

Kindly note that the Department of Basic Education (DBE) will support the Grade 6 and Senior Phase learners, to improve quality of performance, and learner participation rate in Grade 10, using the model explained below:

1. Distribute worksheets outlining knowledge, routine procedures and complex procedures to be administered to all learners on Fridays, fortnightly, for revision.
2. Distribute analysis tool per worksheet that seeks to determine the percentage number of learners who have obtained 50% and above in each concept and skill assessed. This will help teachers to track the performance of the learners on each concept, which in turn will feed into the improvement plan.

Each class test, which consists of a maximum of five (5) problems and may also include word problems, should only take up 20 minutes of the mathematics period. Teachers are requested to submit the analysis after the assessment, including the percentage of students who have achieved 50% or more. This will inform the sector's progress towards the National Development Plan (NDP, 2030), which proposes that 90% of learners must achieve 50% and above. Grade 6 schools are labelled underperforming if less than 80% of the learners have achieved 50% or more, while Senior Phase schools with a pass rate of less than 60% are labelled underperforming in Term 4, 2024. **It should be noted that these tests are not meant for promotion and progression purposes.**

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You are therefore requested to forward the contents of this letter to all districts in your province. Districts in turn are expected to forward the information to all schools. All affected individuals are expected to make the necessary arrangements to administer the tests. The plan for the model is attached as **Annexure A**.

Thank you for the continued support towards attaining quality and efficiency in the schooling system.

Yours sincerely



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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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