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**TO : MR. GN NGCOBO
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: KZN EDUCATION**

**FROM : MR. MS SHANGASE
DIRECTOR (A): GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

DATE : 17 FEBRUARY 2026

**SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL TO UPLOAD “AT THE
CROSSROADS RESOURCES” ON THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION WEBSITE.**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the Head of Department to approve the uploading of “At the crossroads resources” on the KZN Department of Education website.

2. BACKGROUND

The “At the Crossroads” textbook is part of Life Orientation curriculum used in South African schools. It aims to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and values to make informed decisions about their lives. The book tackles issues such as sexuality, relationships, peer pressure and most importantly, safety.

The safety-related content in “At the Crossroads” is framed around the need for personal, emotional and social well-being, with a strong focus on helping learners.

3. DISCUSSION

The Department of Basic Education has requested Provincial PEDs to upload the “On the Crossroads Resources” in their websites in order to allow learners to:

- Understand personal safety by being able to identify situations where they may be unsafe.
- Recognize and respond to unsafe situations.
- Understand the concept of consent in a relationship.
- Describe what constitutes sexual abuse or coercion and how to report it.



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- Understand how peer influence can lead to unsafe behaviour e.g., substance use, unsafe sex, gang involvement, etc.

The book offers a list of support services, helplines, and school-based resources. It also promotes understanding of children’s rights and legal protections under South African laws.

In summary, “At the Crossroads” empowers learners to:

- Stay safe physically, emotionally, and sexually.
- Make informed decisions.
- Seek help without fear or shame.
- Respect themselves and others.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Head of Department approves the uploading of the ‘At the Crossroads resources’ on the KZN Department of Education website.

MR. MS SHANGASE

DIRECTOR (A): GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

DATE: 17/02 2026

SUPPORTED/NOT SUPPORTED/ SUPPORTED WITH COMMENTS

MR. SD MANGANYE

CHIEF DIRECTOR (A): CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

DATE: 20/02/2026



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MR. MJ MAZIBUKO

DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

DATE: 23/02/2026

APPROVED/~~NOT APPROVED~~ / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS

Approved

MR. GN NGCOBO

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: KZN EDUCATION

DATE: 24/02/2026