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TO : DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS: FET
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CIRCUIT MANAGERS
PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS
PROVINCIAL TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS
PROVINCIAL SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF TABLETS FOR GRADE 12 LEARNERS

The department continues with the delivery of tablets to grade 12 learners in quintile 1 – 3 schools in 2026 as follows;

1. The delivery of tablets commenced in February 2026.
2. The delivery will prioritize schools with both high retrieval and high functionality rate after assessment of tablets
3. The District with High functionality is Bohlabela and their delivery will start in Bohlabela.
4. However, some schools with high retrieval and high functionality are found in all district.
5. Therefore, a far as possible delivery will be done concurrently in these schools across the four districts.
6. There are 40 school with a very low retrieval rate below 85% and they will be considered last for delivery if tablets are still available.
7. These schools account for above 5 000 tablets and an appeal is made for these schools to continue to retrieve the tablets from the 2025 grade 12 learners.
8. These schools will receive individual letters to account for the poor retrieval and to indicate what strategies they will put in place to ensure 100% retrieval in 2026 before they are provided with the tablets.

9. Schools are requested to identify at least one teacher with ICT expertise to be the ICT coordinator to assist learners and teachers in the schools with the implementation of the e-learning programme including retrieval strategies.

10. Schools are required to note that the warranty on the laptops provided to teachers in 2022 has expired and any technical challenges experienced must then be resolved through the school budget. The district IT section may also be contacted for assistance.

11. Learners and parents must be reminded that the tablets provided to learners remain the property of the school and the department and must therefore be taken good care of and be used for the learning purposes only and be returned after the learner finishes writing the final examinations or earlier.

Kind Regards



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