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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

**FROM : DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: EPEM
MS. P. VINJEVOLD**

SUBJECT : MONITORING CURRICULUM COVERAGE

DATE : 30th MARCH 2017

Dear Principal

School-based research across the world indicates that one of the main reasons for poor learning outcomes is inadequate curriculum coverage.

These research studies show that many learners are not involved in the key learning activities of individual reading and writing for many days in the school year.

For this reason the Eastern Cape Department of Education has piloted a number of projects on curriculum coverage. All these projects have provided valuable insights and lessons and have informed our decision to adopt one system from the beginning of the second school term of 2017, namely, the SA-SAMS electronic reporting on curriculum coverage required every two weeks.

This means that the pilot '8-week curriculum coverage cycle' requiring paper-based evidence will be discontinued at the end of March 2017 and that Assessment Instruction 23 of 2017 is withdrawn with immediate effect.

The Department urges all schools to use the SA-SAMS programme regularly and with integrity so that we can better understand the challenges and successes of schools.

The current SA-SAMS curriculum coverage recording and reporting project will remain in place for the rest of 2017 and we welcome any suggestions you have for improving this system. All suggestions will be favourably considered for implementation in 2018.

The Department wishes you well in curriculum implementation in the next few months and encourages you to share your successes and challenges with us.

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P. VINJEVOLD
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