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Dear Principal

### **SAMPLED SCHOOLS-2021 EARLY LEARNING NATIONAL ASSESSMENT (ELNA)**

Please be informed that your school has been sampled to take part in the Early Learning National Assessment (ELNA) study that will be administered during April and May 2021.

The ELNA is an assessment that is intended to assess the level of readiness of Grade 1 learners entering the school system. It focuses on cognitive and executive functioning that are required by a learner in their development of emerging literacy and numeracy.

The ELNA study will be conducted in Grade 1 at your school. This is an one-on-one activity between the assessor and the learner. Altogether 8 learners from your school will be involved. The exact dates and time for the administration of the assessment will be confirmed by the assessors assigned to your school and a provincial coordinator will coordinate the assessment program.

Two assessors will conduct the ELNA administration in your school. Each assessor will assess four (4) learners. In total eight (8) learners will be assessed at the school. Each assessor will spend thirty (30) minutes per child. The assessors will randomly select 8 learners from class lists.

The assessors will bring along all the required materials for assessment. The school is expected to provide a suitable assessment room for the assessor and eight (8) participating learners .

Please note that ELNA is not about your individual school, it is about the system. Therefore, there is no need to prepare the learners beforehand. You are requested to encourage participation of learners in the assessment and provide support to the assessors.

Your support in this assessment is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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**MR HM MWELI**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
**DATE: 12 MARCH 2021**