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**TO: DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
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FOUNDATION PHASE EDUCATORS  
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS**

**FROM: B. L. GWELE  
DIRECTOR- GET CURRICULUM PROGRAMMES**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RETURN OF SIM CARDS PROVIDED FOR ORIENTATION OF  
CODING AND ROBOTICS FOR TEACHERS AND SUBJECT ADVISORS**

**DATE: 08 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Coding and Robotics is being introduced into the South African curriculum to create digitally literate learners and equip them with the skills, knowledge, values and attitudes to prepare them for the fourth industrial revolution and beyond. The Coding and Robotics curriculum will develop learners' ability to solve problems, think critically, work collaboratively and creatively, function in a digital and information-driven world, apply digital and ICT skills, and transfer these skills to solve everyday problems.

The curriculum of Coding and Robotics is defined to meet global best practice standards, considering our uniquely South African context. The robotics component will have a strong foundation in engineering and software engineering principles and will enable learners to build and operate robots through programming code. Robotics allows students to see their thinking in a real way as they go through trial and error until the task is accomplished.

The Primary Curriculum Directorate embarked on an orientation program from April 2021 to familiarize educators and subject advisors about the new subject for effective implementation and monitoring. Due to Covid 19 regulations the orientation was conducted online so as to observe the National regulations. All participants were provided with data sim cards so that they are able to connect and be part of the orientation. The orientation and training for Foundation Phase and Grade 7 educators and Subject advisors has since been completed. Orientation for Intermediate phase and Grade 8 educators and Subject Advisors will be conducted during the month of September 2021.



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## REQUEST

In the light of the above, the Primary Curriculum Directorate therefore requests the return of these sim cards from all participants that received the sim cards so that they can be officially blocked with relevant sim card numbers and to also provide new data sim cards to the new participants whom will be oriented in September 2021. We therefore request District managers, Subject Advisors and School principals to assist us we the process of retrieving these sim cards from all those who received them.

The directorate would appreciate if these sim cards can be sent back to CES Curriculum in the respective districts so that the provincial office can collect them from the CESs. Please use the attached template for collection of the relevant information including sim card numbers.

We are looking forward to your valuable assistance on this matter and we hope that you will treat it with the urgency it deserves.

Yours in quality education

**MS B. L. GWELE**  
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**09 September 2021**  
**DATE**