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MEMORANDUM

**TO : DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL
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DIRECTORS
PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS
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SGB ASSOCIATIONS**

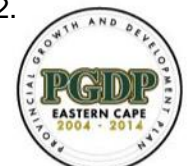
FROM : A/DDG – IOM

DATE : 12 JANUARY 2022

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEARNER TEACHER SUPPORT MATERIAL
(LTSM) TO SCHOOLS**

Complements of the New Season to All!

1. This memo seeks to bring to the attention of all Education Stakeholders delays that the Department is experiencing in the provisioning of LTSM to schools for the academic year 2022, and to further explain how the matter is being resolved in order to minimise its impact on education delivery.
2. As it has been the case for other programmes wherein the Department did not have enough funds to execute some of its work, LTSM was not spared from this challenge. This unprecedented budget shortfall affected delivery of LTSM both in terms of adhering to the nationally prescribed timelines and also the timely determination of quantities of LTSM per grade per child.
3. Steps to resolve the challenge included consultation with DBE and Provincial Treasury and these culminated in funds being made available in December 2021. This meant that procurement processes could only resume at this time with some of the key role players already winding up for the December vacation and hence the Department was able to fully and effectively embark on the processes in January 2022.



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4. The available budget also meant that the Department could not afford providing all the Textbook items as previously requisitioned by schools and as such the following items would be prioritized: all books for new schools, new grades, and extension of curriculum, multi- media resources, Mathematics and E-FAL for grade 3,6,9 and 12, all Grade 12 top ups, MTBBE and IIAL.
5. Delivery of books to schools is taking place in the following phases :

| Items | Number of Schools benefiting | Delivery Timeline |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stationary Phase 1 | 748 | Completed |
| Stationary Phase 2 | 1614 | 12 – 25 January 2022 |
| Stationary Phase 3 | 3196 | January – February 2022 |
| Textbooks | All schools | March – May 2022 |

Regular updates on developments in the form delivery schedules regarding the above will be communicated to all those affected.

6. With the situation as reflected above it is clear that some schools will not have stationery when schools reopen on the 19 January 2022. Schools are therefore requested to utilize some of the Stationery that was provided in 2021 until such time they receive their 2022 consignments.
7. In conclusion the Department regrets any inconvenience caused by the delay on the supply and delivery of LTSM to schools and is doing everything within its power to avoid delays in teaching and learning in our schools.

Kind Regards



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Acting Deputy Director General
Institutional Operations Management

Date

