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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL SENIOR MANAGEMENT
ATT : ALL STAFF

FROM : DIRECTOR – YOUTH & SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

DATE : 03 MARCH 2026

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO ATTEND A HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH ENGAGEMENT SESSION FOR ALL OFFICIALS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

The above matter refers:

Human Rights Day in South Africa is historically linked with 21 March 1960 and the events of Sharpeville. On that day 69 people died and 180 were wounded when police fired on a peaceful crowd that had gathered in protest to pass the Pass laws. This day marked an affirmation by ordinary people, rising in unison to proclaim their rights. It became an iconic date in our country's history that today we commemorate as Human Rights Day as a reminder of our rights and the cost paid for our treasured.

The Office of the Director – Youth and Special Programmes will be hosting an engagement session with persons living with disabilities from the Head Office and the three districts, including educators, with the purpose of promoting awareness and discussion of their rights. We therefore request all offices to release officials living with disabilities to attend this important session. Officials requiring transport from the Head Office are requested to liaise with the Youth and Special Programmes Directorate for the necessary arrangements.

The schedule of the meetings is as follows:

No.	District	Venue	Date
1.	BCM & Head Office	Department of Education – Rubusana	10 March 2026
2.	Amathole East	Department of Education – Butterworth	11 March 2026
3.	Amathole West	Department of Education – Fort Beaufort	17 March 2026

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

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