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To: Subject Advisors, Teachers, Departmental Heads

Promoting Reading at schools and in homes through Virtual Reading Clubs

Message Objective:

- Inculcate the culture of reading in South Africans across all ages
- Promote reading at schools and in homes
- Maximise reading networks across the country; and to
- Increase numbers of participants attending the VRCs
- Promote African writers

The National Reading Coalition (NRC) is continuing with its effort to extend the reading networks across all ages through the Virtual Reading Club (VRC) sessions. The NRC has so far coordinated seven VRC sessions where books were used to drive discussions of the reviewers' life experiences and personal journeys. Some of the books shared during the Virtual Reading Club sessions were:

- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- The Longest March by Fred Khumalo
- We Need New Names by NoViolet Bulawayo
- Becoming men by Malose Langa

The VRC sessions have created a platform for influential people in the society to share their life experiences and respond to the president's call of encouraging South Africans to participate at the presidential reading circle. Invited book reviewers of the previous VRC sessions include among others Minister Angie Motshekga, Ms Randy Tshubane (SABC Award winning presenter), Mr Mugwena Maluleke (SADTU General Secretary), Mr Simphiwe Tshabalala (soccer legend) and Ms Masechaba Ndlovu (TV and radio Personality).

The NRC will hold its 8th Virtual Reading Club session as scheduled below:

DATE : 26 August 2021
TIME : 16H30 – 18H30
PLATFORM : MICROSOFT TEAMS

The book that will be discussed is titled "The Way I see it" by Lerato Chabalala. Ms Lerato Chabalala (author) was invited to be one of the panellists during the session. Learners, parents, and all children who are 10 years and above are invited to attend this session. Participation is free of charge and people are encouraged visit the following NRC website for more details i.e., www.nrc.org.za

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Reference:

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