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To: Subject Advisors, Teachers, Circuit Managers, principals, parents, church leaders, School Management Teams, and Departmental Heads.

Topic: Accelerating curriculum recovery by engaging community structures during the Global Media and Information Literacy week.

Message Objectives are to:

- Promote reading in schools.
- Maximise reading strategies in primary schools.
- Increase the number of learners participating in reading activities in schools.
- Promote reading in churches.

Global Media and Information Literacy Week, commemorated annually, is a major occasion for stakeholders to review and celebrate the progress achieved towards “Media and Information Literacy for All”. This year, Global MIL Week will be commemorated from 24 to 28 October 2022, under the theme “Media and Information Literacy for the Public Good” and will be hosted by South Africa.

Schools and communities can promote reading during this week by engaging in the following reading activities:

Schools

- Schools can borrow books from their local libraries and coordinate reading sessions during the Life Orientation periods in the afternoon.
- Poorly resourced schools can borrow books from a better-resourced school for a specific time. Books are exchanged and borrowed.
- Teachers can arrange for their learners to access the resource storage spaces at schools. Books collected in resource rooms can be classified into fiction and non-fiction. With the help of the teacher mentor, learners can organize the books according to learner levels as an additional reading resource for pleasure.
- Teachers can record two-minute video clips and share them with neighbouring schools to demonstrate best reading practices

Churches.

- Churches can promote reading by using the cell group meetings as book clubs as well. At the end of Bible study, church members can share books or discuss a book.
- Cell group members can share titles of interesting books through established WhatsApp groups.

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