



## basic education

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### **CIRCULAR S27 OF 2023**

#### **AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1. The 2023 School Calendar (SC) was published in the Government Gazette No. 46061 on 18 March 2022. The 2023 SC has 199 school days for learners and 203 school days for teachers. In the fourth term schools will close on Wednesday, 13 December for learners and Friday, 15 December for teachers.
2. In his address to the nation, the President declared 15 of December 2023 to be a public holiday in celebration of the Springboks winning the Rugby World Cup.
3. The public holiday on 15 December 2023 will impact on the end of the fourth term. Teachers must remain for two days after the learners have closed in order to complete administrative tasks and planning for the following school year, therefore the schools will close on Tuesday, 12 December for learners and Thursday, 14 December 2023 for teachers. The total number of school days will be 198 for learners and 202 for teachers.
4. All stakeholders in the education sector are requested to note this amendment.

Yours sincerely,

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