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TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS AT SCHOOLS OFFERING FOUNDATION PHASE

FROM: CHIEF DIRECTOR - CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF FOUNDATION PHASE GRADED READERS

DATE: 16 AUGUST 2024

Dear Principal

The Eastern Cape Department of Education's (ECDoE) Reading Strategy and Reading Campaign 2022-2030, aims to support learners to read for meaning by the age of ten. One of the central pillars of the Reading Strategy is the provision and use of suitable reading material.

Between August and November 2024, readers procured by the ECDOE will be delivered to schools offering Foundation Phase classes. These readers will be delivered with the DBE Rainbow Workbooks and for use in 2025.

Schools with **Xhosa** and **Sesotho** as the Language of Teaching and Learning (LOLT) will receive Vula Bula readers for **each learner in the Foundation Phase**. These readers should be handed out to learners in the first week of the 2025 school year. Vula Bula Book 1 should be handed out to Grade 1 learners, Book 2 to Grade 2 learners and Book 3 to Grade 3 learners. Schools offering **Xhosa** and **Sesotho** LOLT will also receive Zenex Graded Readers for **each Foundation Phase class** at the school.

The Vula Bula readers belong to the learners and should be used in class and <u>taken home</u>. In classrooms the Vula Bula Readers can be used for reading to the class, paired reading, Drop All and Read activities and reading aloud. The readers can also be used for Early Grade Reading Assessment, vocabulary development and comprehension assessment. The Zenex readers can be used for the same activities in the classroom.

At home, learners should be encouraged to read the Vula Bula stories to family members, friends and communities. Schools should also encourage parents to read the Vula Bula readers with their children.







Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated.



14.08.2024

MS. CN XUNDU- BULA CHIEF DIRECTOR: PCM

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