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### National Consultative Forum

Dear Colleagues

### COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION SCRIPTED LESSON PLANS AS A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) acknowledges the enquiry regarding the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Scripted Lesson Plans (SLPs) and their usage by educators in schools when teaching the CSE component in the Life Skills (LS) and Life Orientation (LO) curriculum. In response to the query raised during the National Consultative Forum (NCF) meeting, the Department would like to indicate the following:

- CSE has been implemented in the LS and LO Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) since 2000.
- The SLPs have been developed as a resource tool to strengthen the quality of sexuality education in the curriculum.
- The SLPs ensures that educators are able to teach age-appropriate, culturally sensitive, scientific and factual information on CSE in the classroom.
- The SLPs as a resource, also assist educators to provide standardised and uniform information to learners that meet the curriculum requirements.
- To support educators in the implementation of the CSE SLPs, the Department is embarking on a national wide capacity building process to enable educators to gain confidence and comfort in using the SLPs.
- Prior to the usage of the CSE SLPs, the School Management Team (SMTs), School Governing Bodies (SGBs) as well as the parents will also be oriented accordingly.

The Department therefore encourages educators to make use of the CSE SLPs to improve the quality and the delivery of CSE component in LS and LO CAPS. However, the usage of SLPs is not compulsory and does not prevent the educators' prerogative in developing their own lesson plans, provided that these lesson plans meet all the curriculum requirements.

For further clarification, you are welcome to contact Mr M Ndlovu and Ms B Mpini as stated above.

Yours faithfully

  
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