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**TO: HEADS OF PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT
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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CIRCULAR 01 OF 2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT IN MAINSTREAM AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GET) BAND IN 2024

The Programme of Assessment

1. The purpose of this Circular is to confirm that the National Assessment Circular 01 of 2023, issued in March 2023 on the Programme of Assessment for Grade 1 to 9, is still applicable in 2024. Circular 01 of 2023 is attached for ease of reference.
2. It has been observed from the implementation of the Programme of Assessment in 2023, that there is need for an improvement in the early identification of learners displaying learning gaps. The failure of the schools

to identify these learning gaps timeously and address them has disadvantaged learners to the extent that some of these learners must be retained.

3. It is therefore requested that the School-Based Support Teams (SBST) should ensure that adequate and appropriate support is given to learners who display learning gaps or experience barriers to learning. This must be in line with the Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support Policy, where accommodations and concessions should be identified and granted as early as possible to ensure that learners are not disadvantaged.
10. The support programme provided by the school must guide feedback to parents at regular intervals during the academic year and must guide decisions on possible retentions and/or support that could be provided to the learner in the next grade.
11. All enquiries regarding this circular must be directed to Dr M Chetty via telephone on 012 357 3835 or email at chetty.m@dbe.gov.za.
12. Your support in ensuring compliance with the contents of this Circular will be greatly appreciated.



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