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**TO: CHIEF DIRECTOR – DISTRICT OPERATIONS  
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PRINCIPALS OF HIGH AND COMBINED SCHOOLS  
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ENGLISH HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS  
ENGLISH TEACHERS – GRADES 8 -12  
EDUCATOR UNIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**CIRCULAR NUMBER: 19/2019**

**SUBJECT: 2019 SADC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ESSAY COMPETITION**

In an attempt to encourage youth participation in regional integration affairs, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has launched its 2019 SADC Secondary Schools Essay Competition. The topic for the essay is:

**How can Youth-focused Programmes Contribute to Sustainable Socio-economic Development of the SADC Region?**

This competition is open to all high school learners in the province.

The Northern Cape Department of Education thus requests that you encourage the learners at your school to participate in the competition.

Please refer to the attachment for further details regarding the essay and the marking guidelines.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Essays must be received by **no later than 17 April 2019** for attention to:



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The three best essays will be selected and submitted to a panel of markers identified by the Department of Basic Education in order to select the national winners. The three national winning essays will then be submitted to the SADC Secretariat by 31 May 2019 for the Regional Level of the competition.

We sincerely hope that you will embark on this project with enthusiasm and encourage the learners to participate.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation in advancing quality education in the province.

Kind regards

DR M.I. ISHMAIL

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL:  
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