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**TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS**  
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**PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT PYEI PROJECT TEAMS**  
**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**  
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**SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF PHASE IV OF THE PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (PYEI)**

The Circular herewith formally introduces the implementation of Phase IV of the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative in the Education sector in 2023.

Phase III of the PYEI was implemented from 01 April 2022 and will expire 30 September 2022. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has been granted approval and funding to implement Phase IV of the initiative in 2023. As in Phase III, there will be a strong emphasis to provide training to participants, with a view to adding to their skills set as well as setting them up for enhanced employment, and entrepreneurship prospects.

The PYEI-BEEI is a public employment initiative that focuses on providing schools with capacity to deal with educational demands within the context of COVID-19, as well as addressing Sector priorities such as **support for teaching and learning on Curriculum activities, reading, integration of ICT in classrooms, providing psychosocial support to learners and infrastructure maintenance**. In addition, the focus is also on **extracurricular activities, to enhance social cohesion as well as learner physical and mental wellbeing**. The initiative seeks to create job opportunities for unemployed youth between the ages of 18 - 34 years at the time of application. In terms of the recruitment process, the advocacy on the adverts of the EAs and GSAs



started as early as July 2022 and the National online applications will open from 26 September until 16 October 2022 through **SAYouth.mobi**. All schools are required to print from GovERP, distribute and share the advocacy material, and the application advert through all communication platforms with their broader school community.

Walk-in applications are not allowed and all eligible youth should be encouraged to apply online. ***If young people do not have the means to apply online, assistance should be provided by schools in their immediate communities to enable them to apply online.*** Schools are therefore encouraged to recruit unemployed youth that are former learners as well as youth residing within the communities close to the school.

Youths that were placed in phases I, II, and III will not be considered for placement in phase IV of the PYEI project.

A management plan with the project timelines will be published on GovERP and all other departmental means of in due course. School principals are urged to ensure that all processes in line with the project plan are completed within the stipulated timeframes.

The implementation and success of the project depend on the support and cooperation of all stakeholders.

Thank you

Kind Regards



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