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CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATORS  
THE LEARNER SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES UNIT HEADS  
PRINCIPALS: PRIMARY, HIGH, COMBINED AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS  
TEACHER UNIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

**CIRCULAR: 16/2018**

### COMMEMORATION OF FREEDOM DAY – 27 APRIL 2018

On the 27 April 2018, our country will celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our freedom when we commemorate Freedom Day. We once again will celebrate the anniversary of our first democratic elections held in 1994, in which South Africans of all races voted for the first time.

The Northern Cape Department of Education acknowledges this day as a special day, as it inspires all South Africans, to renew our commitment to uphold human rights, human dignity and equality for all people. **The theme for Freedom day will be: *The year of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: "United for Radical Socio - Economic Transformation"*.**

**Through this theme our department will focus on the following objectives:**

- To remember the life of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela by highlighting the progress made in advancing and restoring human dignity as we celebrate Madiba's Centenary year
- To remember the life of Albertina Sisulu, highlighting her values as an unsung heroine.
- To commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> years of the passing of Robert Sobukwe by highlighting freedom and advance in the promotion of human rights.
- Foster Nation Building and Social Cohesion through National Identity, Patriotism and our National Symbols and thus encourage Social Cohesion amongst our learners, educators and the broader school communities. Identifying and celebrating untold stories and unsung heroes and heroines in every community and every workplace.





As part of the celebrations, all schools are expected to celebrate the day with our annual flag hoisting ceremonies on **Thursday, 26 April 2017, at 08:00 am.** This flag hoisting ceremonies form part of the ongoing process of our National Identity Campaign which was launched in February 2016, where our learners must sing our national anthem, sing the AU anthem, recite the preamble of our Constitution and reinforces the motto in the Coat of Arms, **!KE E : / XARRA / ! KE**, which means: "diverse people unite".

**Suggested school activities could include the following:**

- Engage in hoisting and lowering the national flag on a daily basis so as to inculcate a culture of patriotism and respect for our national flag and symbols. Organizing displays of the national flag (murals, floral designs and other imaginative ways)
- Critically evaluating school symbols and their appropriateness by holding discussions with all stakeholders in the school community, particularly around issues of identity, diversity and integration.
- Exhibiting displays made by learners, depicting a Freedom Charter for the school.
- Story-telling by elders in the community on the lives of Nelson Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and Robert Sobukwe.
- Guest speakers to talk about freedom, peace, democracy and the values of Nelson Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and Robert Sobukwe.
- Music, Art or Drama, depicting themes opposing racism, sexism, xenophobia, chauvinism, genocide and the timeline history of Nelson Mandela, Albertina Sisulu and Robert Sobukwe.
- Inter-school activities on school enrichment, like cross-gender sporting activities, debating, etc.
- To read more about this event, schools may also visit our website: [ncdoe.ncpg.gov.za](http://ncdoe.ncpg.gov.za) or [www.sahistory.org.za/politics and society](http://www.sahistory.org.za/politics%20and%20society)

**Protocol instructions on how to hoist the flag is found on P28 and P29 of the book, *My Country, South Africa: Celebrating our National Symbols and Heritage*.** Schools are also encouraged to ask their nearest South African Police Services (SAPS) to assist them with the hoisting of the flag. **The programme will start at 08h00 and will finish at 08h30 in the morning, as per proposed schedule (Annexure A).** Schools will also be visited and monitored by officials from the department, local councilors and politicians. A detailed deployment list will be forwarded to districts as soon as the list is finalized. **These celebrations at schools will culminate in the Provincial Freedom Day Celebration, which will be hosted in Olifantshoek/Kuruman, John Toalo Gaetsewe district on Friday, 27 April 2018.**

You may also contact the following officials in the districts and provincial office for information and assistance.

<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT PERSON</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT NUMBERS</u></b>
Namaqua	Bennie Cloete	027 – 718 8600
Z.F.McGawu	James Mapanka/ Mageret Titus	054 – 337 6300
Pixley Ka Seme	Darwin Solomon	053 – 632 9200
John Taolo Gaetsewe	James Okhuis/ Elize Titus	053 – 773 9600
Frances Baard	Tebogo Tau/ Gomotsang Moleta	053 – 830 7600
Provincial office	Olebogeng Modise/ Wilfred Marais	053 – 839 6627

Regards

**GT PHARASI**  
**SUPERINTENDANT GENERAL**

18/04/13  
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**FREEDOM DAY FLAG HOISTING CEREMONIES**  
**THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018**  
**08h00 – 08h30**

**PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

**Programme Director: .....**

Time	Proposed Activity	Responsibility
07h50 – 07h55	All Learners & Educators gather at the Assembly Point/Hall	All Educators/SMT
08h00 – 08h02	Scripture Reading and or Prayer	Cleric from Community
08h02 – 08h05	- Welcome Address - Briefing on the Purpose of the Day	School Manager / Principal
08h05 – 08h07	Recital of the Preamble of our Constitution	Identified learner with Everybody present
08h07 – 08h10	Song / Poem / School's Anthem	School Choir / Identified learner(s)
08h10 – 08h15	Keynote Address	MPL / Mayor / Designated Councilor/ Official
08h15 – 08h17	Song / Poem / Cultural Item	Identified Learner(s)
08h17 – 08h18	All gather at flagpole for hoisting ceremony	Principal and Educators
08h18 – 08h23	- Hoisting of Flag - Singing of National Anthem	2 Learners from RCL assisted by SAPS Entire Assembly, led by school choir.
08h23 – 08h26	- Hoisting of Flag - Singing of National Anthem	2 Learners from RCL assisted by SAPS Entire Assembly, led by school choir.
08h26 – 08h28	Vote of Thanks	Member of SGB
08h28 – 08h30	Announcements	Principal/ Programme Director
08h30 -	Continuation of normal school program	Principal/ SMT/ Educators/ SGB

