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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 5418 **10 October 2024**

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)

CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Siviwe Gwarube, Minister of Basic Education, acting under section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the Proposed 2027 School Calendar.

The Proposed 2027 School Calendar is obtainable at https://www.education.gov.za/.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2027 School Calendar, in writing, and direct the comments to the Director-General: Department of Basic Education, for the attention of Mr S Mlambo, e-mail: Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za; cc Mkhize.ZM@dbe.gov.za.

All comments must reach the Department no later than one month after the publication of this notice.

MS SIVIWE GWARUBE, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE:

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PROPOSED 2027 CALENDAR
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2027

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Public and School Holidays 2027	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Human Rights Day ' Day off
26 March	Good Friday
29 March	Family Day
26 April	Special School Holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

	Weekends
	Days for administration
	School days
	Public holidays
	Special school holidays
	School holidays

SUMMARY OF 2027 CALENDAR
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(11)13 January – 19 March	10	48(50)	0	48(50)
2	06 April – 25 June	12	59	2(1)	56
3	20 July – 01 October	11	54	2	52
4	11 October – 08(10) December	09	43(45)	0	43(45)
Total		**42**	**204(208)**	**4(1)**	**199(203)**

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