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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**No. 413****14 May 2001****MINISTRY OF EDUCATION****NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (No. 27 of 1999)****PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEARS 2003 & 2004**

I, Kader Asmal, Minister of Education, after consultation with national and provincial stakeholders with a specific interest in school calendars, hereby give notice in terms of section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), of the proposed school calendar for public schools for the years 2003 & 2004 as detailed in the Schedule.

All persons with a particular interest in school calendars are invited to comment in writing on the proposed school calendar for public schools for the years 2003 & 2004 and to direct the comments to:

Director-General, Private Bag X895, PRETORIA, 0001
Attention: Mrs D Marsden, fax no. (012) 321 2093, or
e-mail: marsden.d@doe.gov.za

The comments must reach the Department of Education not later than Thursday, 14 June 2001



Prof. Kader Asmal
Minister of Education

SCHEDULE

PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 2004

N.B.: Dates in brackets () are for teachers only

Coastal provinces: *Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks		Number of days		Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days	
1	(19) 21 Jan – 2 April	11	(55)	53	1	(54)	52	
2	14 April – 30 June	11		56	2		54	
3	21 July – 23 September	10		47	1		46	
4	4 October – 3 (7) Dec.	(10)	9	(47)	45	0	(47)	45
Total		(42)	41	(203)	199	4	(201)	197

Inland provinces: *Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West Province and Northern Province*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks		Number of days		Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days	
1	(12) 14 Jan – 1 April	12	(59)	57	1	(58)	56	
2	19 April – 25 June	10		50	2		48	
3	19 July – 23 September	10		49	1		48	
4	4 October – 3 (7) Dec.	(10)	9	(47)	45	0	(47)	45
Total		(42)	41	(204)	202	4	(201)	197

Public Holidays:

1 January 2004	-	New Year's Day
21 (22) March 2004	-	Human Rights Day (Public Holiday)
18 April 2004	-	Good Friday
21 April 2004	-	Family Day
27 April 2004	-	Freedom Day
1 May 2004	-	Workers Day
16 June 2004	-	Youth Day
9 August 2004	-	National Women's Day
24 September 2004	-	Heritage Day
16 December 2004	-	Day of Reconciliation
25 December 2004	-	Christmas Day
26 (27) December 2004	-	Day of Goodwill (Public holiday)

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FOR THE YEAR 2003****N.B.:** Dates in brackets () are for teachers only**Coastal provinces:** *Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape and Western Cape*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks	Number of days	Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days
1	(20) 22 Jan – 28 March	10	(50) 48	1	(49).....47
2	8 April – 27 June	12	59	5	54
3	21 July – 26 September	10	50	1	49
4	6 October – 5 (9) Dec.	(10) 9	(47) 45	0	(47).....45
Total		(42) 41	(206) 202	7	(199) 195

Inland provinces: *Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West Province and Northern Province*

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks	Number of days	Number of public holidays	Actual number of school days
1	(13) 15 Jan. – 20 March	10	(49) 47	0	(49) 47
2	7 April – 20 June	11	55	5	50
3	14 July – 19 September	11	50	0	50
4	1 October – 5 (9) Dec.	(11) 10	(50) 48	0	(50) 48
Total		(42) 41	(204) 200	5	(199) 195

Public Holidays:

- 1 January 2003 - New Year's Day
- 21 March 2003 - Human Rights Day
- 18 April 2003 - Good Friday
- 21 April 2003 - Family Day
- 27 (28) April 2003 - Freedom Day (Public Holiday)
- 1 May 2003 - Workers Day
- 16 June 2003 - Youth Day
- 9 August 2003 - National Women's Day
- 24 September 2003 - Heritage Day
- 16 December 2003 - Day of Reconciliation
- 25 December 2003 - Christmas Day
- 26 December 2003 - Day of Goodwill