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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 6792 4 November 2025

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996) CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2028 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 2028 School Calendar.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2028 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: 10/10/2025

PROPOSED 2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Public and School Holidays 2028					
01 January	New Year's Day				
21 March	Human Rights Day				
14 April	Good Friday				
16 April	Easter Sunday				
17 April	Family Day				
27 April	Freedom Day				
28 April	Special School Holiday				
01 May	Workers' Day				
16 June	Youth Day				
09 August	National Women's Day				
24 September	Heritage Day				
25 September	Public Holiday				
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 PROPOSED 2028 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(10) 12 January - 17 March	10	48 (50)	0	48 (50)
28 March – 14 June	12	57	4 +1	52
11 July – 22 September	11	54	1	53
03 October – 06 (08) December	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
Total	43	206 (210)	5+1	200 (204)







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