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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 5417 10 October 2024

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

CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2026 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 2026 School Calendar.

The Proposed 2026 School Calendar is obtainable at https://www.education.gov.za/.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2026 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:









PROPOSED 2026 CALENDAR

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Workers' Day

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Human Rights Day

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School days
Public holidays

SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Terr	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(12) 14 January – 27 March	11	53 (55)	0	53 (55)
2	08 April – 26 June	12	58	3+1	54
3	21 July – 02 October	11	54	2+1	51
4	13 October – 09 (11) December	09	42 (44)	0	42(44)
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