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#### DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 5428

15 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: <u>Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za</u>; cc <u>Mkhize.ZM@dbe.gov.za</u>.

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: 10/10/2024









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## PROPOSED 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Days for administration Public holidays

School holidays

# SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Term	Duration	No. of weeks		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)
Total		43	207 (211)	5+2	200 (204)



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