

# FOUNDATIONS FOR LEARNING

*Providing quality education for all*

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## BACKGROUND

- ✓ Minister released press statement in November indicating her intention to launch the Foundations for Learning Campaign.
- ✓ Primarily a national response to persistent unacceptably low levels of literacy and numeracy at GET level.
- ✓ Focuses on primary schools as education's golden hour+where a solid foundation of fundamental skills and competencies can be laid to ensure future success.
- ✓ Minister launched campaign on 18 March in Cape Town as a ***call to schools and communities to focus on reading, writing and calculating.***



# FOUNDATIONS for LEARNING CAMPAIGN

- ✓ A call for commitment to teaching & learning the art and skill of reading, writing and calculating to ensure a better life for all



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## CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Create national focus to improve reading, writing and numeracy abilities of all South African children
- ✓ Provide energy, inspiration and opportunities for all South Africans to participate in the drive to get children writing, reading and calculating at age appropriate levels by 2011
- ✓ Ensure that average performance in Literacy and Numeracy in all primary schools is not less than 50% by 2011.



# FOUNDATIONS for LEARNING CAMPAIGN

- ✓ Focus is on **all** schools
- ✓ Anchored on the provision of clear directives and expectations for quality education at primary school level (to every teacher, every principal and every manager in the system) . not to add new requirements
- ✓ The campaign is designed to focus attention on key activities that lead to good literacy and numeracy development.



# FOUNDATIONS for LEARNING CAMPAIGN

- ✓ Key pillars of the Foundations for Learning Campaign are;
  - Appropriate resourcing
  - Teacher performance
  - Regular & effective assessment
  - Advocacy
  - Monitoring and evaluation



# SETTING EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ By 2011 no school should attain less than 50% in external assessments
- ✓ Clear directives are provided through the gazette regarding :
  - Basic resourcing for all grades;
  - Expected teacher performance; and
  - Assessment



# SETTING EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Every learner in the primary school must read at school for 30 minutes per day
- ✓ Every learner must do mental maths for 10 minutes per day and written maths for 20 minutes per day
- ✓ Every teacher and learner is expected to have a minimum resource package of materials (using existing LTSM budgets)
- ✓ Every teacher must have a plan for teaching, a record of work completed and individual learner performance records.



## MAKING EXPECTATIONS KNOWN

- ✓ Gazetting of the Foundations for Learning Campaign
- ✓ Advocacy and information campaign via PEDs, districts, schools, media
- ✓ Letter to schools and teachers
- ✓ Steering committee of DoE & PED representatives + experts
- ✓ District officials
- ✓ District TeachersqForum



# ASSESSMENT

- ✓ DoE has provided milestones (knowledge and skills from the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Standards) for maths and languages per term per grade to all schools.
- ✓ Milestones are grouped into manageable units of work aligned to required number of assessment tasks per term.
- ✓ Criteria are provided for the last assessment task in each term.
- ✓ DoE will provide annual tests based on milestones to track progress.
- ✓ Districts will co-ordinate, collect and collate data from the annual tests for reporting and managed support by Province and the DoE.



## EVALUATION

- ✓ Foundations for Learning Campaign will culminate with a national evaluation at the end of 2011 which will assess the Literacy (Languages) and Numeracy (Mathematics) levels of learners in South Africa to determine the impact of the campaign.



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# CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT

- ✓ National Steering Committee comprising:
  - Deputy Director-General for GET at DoE
  - provincial DDGs responsible for curriculum implementation & support at GET level
  - respected SA educationists
- ✓ Provinces to set up Foundations for Learning Committees, led by DDG on National Steering Committee to ensure that the strategy is fully implemented
- ✓ DoE Director for the Campaign
- ✓ **Teacher Forums to be established in all districts to provide energy to the campaign at district level.**

