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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**No. 366****10 March 2003****MINISTRY OF EDUCATION****NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996)****PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR – 2004**

The Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, Heads of Departments Committee, and with national and provincial stakeholders with a specific interest in school calendars, hereby gives notice in terms of section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996), of the proposed school calendar for public schools for the year 2004 as detailed in Schedule 1.

**Professor Kader Asmal****Minister of Education**

24 February 2003

SCHEDULE 1**PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 2004***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) 20 Jan–31 March	11	(53) 52	1	(52) 51
2	14 April – 30 June	11	56	2	54
3	21 July – 23 Sep	10	47	1	46
4	04 Oct – 03 (08) Dec	(10) 9	(48) 45	0	(48) 45
Total		(42) 41	(204) 200	4	(200) 196

Inland Provinces: Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and North West

TERM	DURATION	Number of weeks	Number Of days	Number of Public holidays	Actual number of school days
1	(12) 13 Jan– 26 March	11	(55) 54	1	(54) 53
2	14 April–25 June	11	53	2	51
3	19 July – 22 Sep	10	48	1	47
4	04 Oct – 03 (08) Dec	(10) 9	(48) 45	0	(48) 45
Total		(42) 41	(206) 202	5 + 1	(200) 196

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

21 March 2004	—	Human Rights Day
09 April 2004	—	Good Friday
12 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
➤ Dates in brackets () are applicable to teachers		

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