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Subject: Postponement of the Microsoft Partners-in-Learning (MS PiL) Online

Dear Principals/ Teachers,

The ICT Training Unit, Centre for e-Innovation in the Department of the Premier, had sent invitations to all schools inviting registration onto the MicroSoft Partners-in-Learning (MS PiL) course. The closing date for registration onto the course was Wednesday, 27th May 2020, and with course rollout scheduled to commence on Monday, 01st June 2020.

As you are aware, the course rollout date coincides with the scheduled return of Grade 7 and Grade 12 learners on 1st June 2020. In addition, the rest of the grades are scheduled to return to schools on dates still to be communicated. The ICT Training Unit is deeply sensitive to the current reality that schools are prioritizing the implementation of stringent hygiene and social distancing protocols to accommodate the return of the learners. In addition, the Unit is cognizant of the fact that the Education sector requires support in preparing for the reality of supporting teaching and learning in an online mode.

Given this, the ICT Training Unit, in consultation with the CTLI, is therefore postponing the MS PiL course. The date for the course rollout will be communicated to you and will be posted onto the ICT Training Unit's Moodle Site, once this has been finalised.

Please note that the ICT Training Unit has developed an online Microsoft (MS) Teams Orientation course to introduce all teachers to this collaboration tool which will enable you to work together with your colleagues and share information in a common space. In this way, you will be able to hold meetings, work on documents, worksheets, and lesson plans one-on-one, in teams, and whether at school or at home. Please find further information about this, and other ICT Skills course offerings on the ICT Training Unit's Learning Management System (MOODLE) at: <https://icttraining.westerncape.gov.za/moodle>

We thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

Kindest regards



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