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CELEBRATION OF WORLD TEACHERS DAY

World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on 5 October since 1994 to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. It also commemorates the anniversary of the 1966 signature of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendations Concerning the Status of Teachers.

The theme for this year's World Teachers Day is: "Take a stand for Teachers". This is a clear call to all stakeholders to acknowledge teachers' crucial role in transforming the lives of learners at all levels of education.

Quality education offers hope and the promise of a brighter future. However, there can be no quality education without competent and motivated teachers.

The Free State Department of Education will celebrate World Teachers' Day on 12 October 2012 as the internationally recognised date falls within the school holidays. Schools are urged to organise and host their own celebrations of World Teachers' Day.

These celebrations should start at 11h00. All schools are encouraged to observe this day.

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