

Western Cape Department of Education (WCED)
and
The Breteau Foundation
collaborate to deliver eLearning to the Grade R-3 100 schools project

The Western Cape Department of Education (WCED) and The Breteau Foundation are delighted to announce the launch of their collaboration on eLearning Initiative through the Grade R – 3 100 Schools Project. This collaboration will reach 103 primary schools and approximately 40,000 students - thus enhancing teaching and learning in a range of subjects.

Within the programme, the WCED will deliver hardware and accessories including set-up and teacher training which will greatly enhance the schools' eLearning capability. The Breteau Foundation - an international non-profit which provides quality education tools to disadvantaged children - has delivered training and software which is curated to curriculum requirements. It includes a comprehensive range of 35 Apps with teacher resource packs comprising of literacy, numeracy, home language, eBooks and critical thinking. To ensure sustainability and success, the Breteau Foundation will put in place plans to monitor, measure and report on all activities through qualitative and quantitative surveys.

The programme was kicked off with training on the 3rd of August 2022 in Cape Town and will be rolled out in a phased approach. The Breteau Foundation Country Manager, Mona Mkumatela, led a training session for district level managers who will now train teachers in selected schools. Mrs Mona Mkumatela noted, "The training has been very well attended and we have received positive feedback – on behalf of the Breteau Foundation I would like to thank WCED for allowing us to be a part of such a wonderful project."

The Head of WCED Foundation Phase, Almareet Du Toit, stated that "We are delighted to take this next step in leap-frogging the digital divide in education and the project can become a model for further roll outs. The WCED recognises that teaching with technology in schools is essential. To ensure sustainability of the project, teacher induction and staff development will be supported by the Senior Curriculum Planners and Subject Advisors."

A number of additional companies involved in the collaboration includes IT Varsity, maker of the *Xander apps* which are available in South African languages, *Edoki Academy* (A Bayard company), Curious Learning who have developed the *Read with Akili* series together with *Ubongo*,

Filimundus and L'escapadou. These software companies have played an invaluable role by providing products at either no cost or at a significant discount and thereby enabling the project to have the reach and depth it has.

The Breteau Foundation has worked in South Africa for the last eight years and has delivered a number of projects including eLearning programmes, providing technology such as tablets, apps and accessories to schools and empowering teachers through training and in-class support to promote digital teaching.

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