



South African Principals' Association

Affirming Principals in Management & Leadership
Western Cape

Dear Governing Body

It is now time to renew your membership for 2009 or to become a new member of the **South African Principals' Association**. Please note that membership fees must be paid ANNUALLY in order to remain a member of the Association.

SAPA WESTERN CAPE offers the following:

1. SAPA Launch! At the beginning of each academic year the programme for the year is introduced to members.
2. SAPA on Friday: Every Friday morning principals receive a copy of SAPA on Friday. This is a 'publication' which aims to inspire, motivate and affirm principals.
3. A Monday Smile: Starting your week off with an article that brings laughter or a smile is medicine to principals' souls.
4. LEAD (Leadership Advantage) Seminars: A two-day seminar to grow professionally.
5. **A Provincial conference will be held at the CTICC on 15 and 16 May.** This year we will include teachers to join us at a unique brain-based conference and the theme is **BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF TEACHING**. International and National speakers will be presenting material to rekindle the love for children, teaching and learning.
6. PITSTOP (Professional In service Training for Stressed, Tired and Overworked Principals)
7. Quarterly Meetings with the Superintendent General of Education in the province.
8. Regular Media Releases, covering topics which are current.
9. SAPA Website: www.sapaonline.co.za
10. The **National SAPA Conference** will be held in Limpopo in 2009 from *3-5 September*. The theme of the conference is **EDUCATION A PRECONDITION FOR DEVELOPMENT**. National Speakers will be presenting material that principals and deputy principals can take home and implement in their schools.
11. 2010 All Africa Conference will be held in Lesotho.

May I remind you that the South African Principals' Association is not a UNION! It has been in existence since the early 90's as an association of school principals. Up until 2004 Principals and Deputy Principals have been members of the association in the Western Cape as individuals. The real benefit, however, of membership is felt by the school. It was, therefore, agreed that we would encourage schools to register, and in so doing ensure that whoever the Principal and Deputy Principal were, they would enjoy full membership. The cost of membership would then also be the responsibility of the school.

I would therefore request that the Governing Body considers supporting your Principal and Deputy Principals by allowing the school to join SAPA. Enclosed please find a membership form. If you have any questions please contact me at Sunlands Primary or speak to Cristina John, the Association's Secretary or visit the website at www.sapaonline.co.za

Yours sincerely

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