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To: Principals
Head of Department
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: SOLOMON ISLANDS YEAR 9 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS 2017

This serves as information to all schools which have Year 9 (Form 3) classes who are intending to enroll in the Solomon Islands Year 9 National Examinations in 2017.

Your school would have been advised last year, 2016 of the Prescriptions regarding Solomon Islands Year 9 English, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics examinations. Due to a number of schools are yet to receive the new curriculum resources, and lack of training for teachers on the new curriculum materials, you are formally advised to continue on with the use of the old curriculum resources until you are informed of any changes. Otherwise, please see the examination coverage advice for each SIY9 subjects below;

As per subject, the examination items will be based on the following specific topics;

1. SIY9 Social Studies

Strand	Year	Sub-strand	%
History of Solomon Island and its Relations with the World	7	7.1: People and Migration 7.2: Local ethnic groups and Languages	29
	8	Agents of Change and Colonization	
Governance and Leadership	7	Traditional Leadership (7.3 Family and Community Leadership)	25
	8	Modern Community Leadership 8.5 The national Government 8.6 Rules, Laws and Judiciary	

Resources and Development	7	Land use and Resources 7.10 Small scale farming 7.11 Large scale commercial farming	33
	8	Use of Resources 8.10 Developing & managing Forest Resources 8.11 Developing & managing Marine resources 8.12 Developing & managing mineral resources	
Environment and Populations	8	Mapping skills and physical environment 8.8 Weather, climate & vegetation of Solomon Islands 8.9 Climatic regions of the world	13

2. SIY9 English

Examination coverage will remain as in the previous years' assessments.

3. SIY9 Mathematics

Examination coverage will remain as in the previous years' assessments. The themes are as follows;

Theme	Section A	Section B	Section C	Weighting (%)
Numbers	9	20	20	49
Algebra	4	7	7	18
Geometry	5	9	9	23
Trigonometry	-	2	2	4
Statistics	2	2	2	6
TOTAL	20	40	40	100

4. SIY9 Science

Examination coverage will remain as in the previous years' assessments.

The current SIY9 Science Prescription is as follows;

TOPICS	Weighting (%)
3.1 Resources	32
3.2 Electricity and light	20
3.3 Considering our future	16
3.4 The Human Body	32

I hope the above information is adequate to inform teachers to prepare students for the end of the year Solomon Islands Year 9 national examinations. Otherwise, should there be queries, please do not hesitate to call NEAD as soon as possible.

Thank you for understanding and looking forward for another successful academic year, 2017.

All the Best to you all.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Liliu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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For: Permanent Secretary

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