To: All Principals of Secondary Schools in Kenya

SUBJECT: NEW PAPER FORMAT FOR KCSE FRENCH PAPER 501/1 AND 501/2

1.0 The Kenya National Examinations Council has revised the paper format for KCSE French Paper 501/1 and 501/2. This has been done in line with the recommendations made by a panel meeting that discussed the harmonization of testing of Foreign Languages at KCSE level. The new paper format for the two papers is as follows:

2.0 THE NEW PAPER FORMAT

The new paper format is as indicated below:

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<td>Section 1: Listening comprehension</td>
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<td>Section 1: Reading comprehension</td>
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<td>Section 2: Dictation</td>
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<td>Section 2: Grammar</td>
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<td>Section 3: Creative writing</td>
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<td>Section 3: Functional writing</td>
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3.0 The Paper duration

- Paper 501/1: 2 hours
- Paper 501/2: 2 hours and 15 minutes

4.0 Paper 501/3 will retain the current format and marks.

5.0 The new paper format will take effect from the year 2021.
6.0 Candidates re-sitting the French papers in 2021 ought to be notified of the change to prepare adequately.

7.0 The circular is accompanied by sample papers for Paper 1 and Paper 2.

8.0 The circular can also be accessed from the KNEC Website.

9.0 Feedback concerning the said format can be sent to tdse@knc.ac.ke

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