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**Focus group interview schedule**

Name of school.....

Interviewer.....

Date.....

1. Why did you choose Physical Sciences as a subject?

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2. What skills do you need to have to learn static electricity through English? Give reasons for your answer

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3. What do you like about learning Static electricity through the medium of English/isiXhosa?

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4. As you are taught static electricity through the medium of English/ isiXhosa, what did you like about that?

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5. Would you prefer to write your static electricity examination or tests in isiXhosa or English? Explain.

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6. In what ways would your performance improve if you were taught in your home language?

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7. What do you find challenging in the Physical science class when taught static electricity in isiXhosa / English?

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8. What support did you get in solving those problems in the classroom?

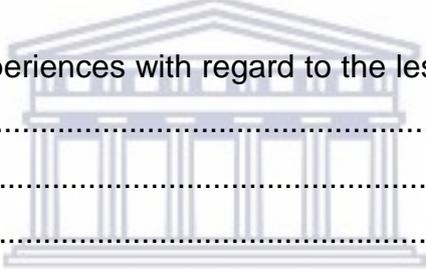
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9. What support did you receive in your static electricity class?

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10. What are your experiences with regard to the lesson that is taught in English / isiXhosa?.....

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## APPENDIX I

### 2. University consent form

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#### CONSENT FORM

**NOTE:** This consent form is to be retained by the parent of the learner and the school principal and kept in a secure location. The student may be required to present the original copy to the University of the Western Cape Ethics Committee as evidence that consent has been granted to conduct research at your school.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for Monwabisi Diko (studying M.Ed in science education) who is a student of the University of the Western Cape and is involved in the planning and implementation of this research project permission to use the material which has been obtained during the course of the research.

I understand that the above research project has been explained and specified and those involved intend to share the research in the form of publications.

I also understand that:

- My participation is a personal decision and entirely voluntary.
- There are no rewards for granting permission.
- I will not be penalised for granting permission.
- I have the right to withdraw my permission at a later stage.
- The content obtained through the interview and questionnaire will only be used for the purpose of this research project.
- My own identity shall remain anonymous.

My signature below indicates my permission to use the material for research.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_