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## **Education Digest 22** **11 June – 9 July 2015**

### **Adult education fails its teachers**

Colleges are closing down in the transition from one government department to another.

<http://tinyurl.com/pp6mqfa>

### **Early action key to improving maths**

There are many improvements in education for which the government does not get enough credit. It has implemented a good curriculum, rolled out workbooks and textbooks to almost all students, and launched annual national assessments that will one day provide the kind of useful information we need. Unfortunately, the major failure has been in meaningful teacher development where little has been done.

<http://tinyurl.com/p59h44y>

### **Blind schooling in 'shocking' state**

Children with disabilities, like all other pupils, have a right to quality basic education — now. But the consistent failure by the department of basic education to provide access to adequate schooling, or any schooling at all, to hundreds of thousands of pupils with disabilities is a major threat to their livelihood and dignity.

<http://tinyurl.com/p8baedg>

### **New emphasis on physical education**

Concerned that at least half of South African children are active for less than an hour a day, the Basic Education Department and the Physical Education Institute of South Africa have banded together to encourage physical education at schools.

<http://tinyurl.com/o9djbh4>

### **Math, Science and English graduates commit 2 years to teaching disadvantaged schools**

Forty-three graduates in South Africa are dedicating two years of their time over the 2015/2016 academic year to students in disadvantaged schools nationally through TEACH South Africa - a programme that recruits, trains and supports the most talented recent university graduates (ambassadors) to commit to teaching for a minimum of two years in some of South Africa's most disadvantaged schools in rural and semi-urban areas.

<http://tinyurl.com/ofrtpx9>

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