This month’s blog...

This month's blog explores the increasing use of technology in South African schools. Tia Linda Zuze examines the merits of using technology, as schools are becoming “desperate to be digital”; and considers whether this is an appropriate intervention for improving the quality of education in the country.

Unsafe schools: What can be done?

Concerns about school safety continue to plague South Africa. The most recent policy brief addresses the issue of safety in schools, through examining the prevalence of violence in schools and factors which are related to levels of safety.

Grade 9 “school exiting” certificate: old wine in new bottles

The proposal for a Grade 9 school exiting certificate, referred to as the General Education and Training Certificate (GETC) has caused much debate recently regarding the merits and viability of introducing such a policy within the South African education system. An article recently published by our team in The Mercury provides further insights into this discussion.

IEA call for proposals: Perceptions of school safety

The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) has invited proposals for a thematic report based on secondary analysis of IEA data. The general theme for this publication is perceptions of school safety, and how these may be related to student learning outcomes. Find the call for proposals here.