



## **THE EDITORS/JOURNALISTS**

### **FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**07 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **PETER MOKABA PRIMARY SCHOOL GUTTERED BY FIRE**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education received disturbing information about the fire that broke out at Peter Mokaba Primary School in KwaMhlanga, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, in the early hours of this morning, 08 February 2025.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined at this stage.

The Department has directed officials to be on the scene to assess the extent of the damage and provide recommendations on the necessary steps moving forward.

A formal investigation on the cause of this will be undertaken in collaboration with the relevant institutions.

A case of arson has already been opened at the KwaMhlanga Police Station to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The Department urges anyone with information that could assist the investigation to contact the KwaMhlanga Police Station.

The Department is closely monitoring the situation and will provide the necessary updates.

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**09 FEBRUARY 2025**

#### **MEC DLAMINI TO VISIT THE PETER MOKABA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The MEC FOR the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini will visit Peter Mokaba Primary School in KwaMhlanga, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality on Monday, 10 February 2025 at 09H00.

The purpose of the visit is to receive a comprehensive report on the circumstances surrounding the fire that broke out at the school in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The preliminary report from the school indicate that the fire destroyed parts of the administration block, including critical items such as furniture, computers, surveillance cameras, and food supplies for the learners.

MEC Dlamini together with the officials from the Department will assess the current state of affairs at the school in light of this unfortunate incident and further engage with school management and school governing body to determine the kind of requisite support to put in place remedial measures for learning and teaching to take place unhindered.

The media is invited to accompany the MEC and cover the visit

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## **FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**10 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **MEC CATHY DLAMINI VISITED PETER MOKABA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, visited Peter Mokaba Primary School in KwaMhlanga, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality this morning.

The purpose of the visit was for the MEC to receive a report on the fire that damaged the school's administration and to take stock of the current state of affairs at the school and engaged with the school management and the school governing body to discuss remedial measures that would ensure uninterrupted learning and teaching.

As an interim remedial measure, the Department will secure a mobile office to ensure that the administration activities of the School are not compromised.

In addition, the Department is consolidating a process of replacing the food supplies and other items that were lost in the fire.

The MEC urged the community to work with the police to find those who are behind this.

So far, teaching and learning progressed well today.

The police are currently investigating the circumstances that led to this unfortunate incident.

The Department will continue to support the school and to monitor the developments very closely.

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## **FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**24 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **THE DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A JOLLY PHONICS READING WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 1 TEACHERS**

The Department will in collaboration with Universal Learning Solutions convene the Jolly Phonics Reading workshop for Grade 1 teachers on 26 and 27 February 2025 at Tfolinhlanhla Primary School, Shabalala trust in Hazyview under the City of Mbombela Local Municipality. The workshop is scheduled to start at 8:00 to 13:30 in the two days.

Universal Learning Solutions is a non-profit organization, that supports the development of the early grade literacy skills in different countries across Sub-Saharan Africa.

The organization is using the Jolly Phonics literacy Programme to fast-track English literacy scheme that teaches the 42 sounds of the alphabet in a fun, multi-sensory and child-centred manner.

Universal Learning Solutions had initiated the pilot study about 10 schools in the Nkangala District and is planning to roll out the programme to all primary schools in the province in 2025.

All Grade 1 teachers in the province will be provided with Teacher Kits, including, Phonics freizes, colorful posters, Big Books, Teacher Guide and learner books.

All Grade 1 teachers will also be trained by internationally accredited Jolly Phonics trainers, provided with the training resources and granted access to the Jolly Lessons app which provides daily guidance on teaching the lessons.

The CEO of Universal Learning Solutions in UK, Mr Gary Foxcroft and the South African Director, Dr Reddy will attend the workshop to deliver their messages of support on 25 February 2025.

The Media is invited to attend and cover the workshop

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## **FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**27 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **THE DEPARTMENT IS DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE PASSING OF A GRADE 12 LEARNER AT NHLABATHI SECONDARY SCHOOL**

The Department has received with great shock the news of the passing of a Grade 12 Learner from Thomas Nhlabathi Secondary school at Embalehle Township in Secunda, Govan Mbeki Local municipality this afternoon, 27 February 2025.

According to the preliminary report from the school, the deceased succumbed to injuries sustained after he was stabbed by a fellow learner within the school premises.

The department has since requested the school to send a detailed report on the circumstances surrounding this unfortunate incident.

The department will henceforth deploy officials from the Inclusive Education and Wellness section tomorrow morning, 28 February 2025 to render psychosocial services to everyone who is affected by this tragic incident.

The department will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide regular updates.

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