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FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: LEARNING AND TEACHING FULLY RESTORED AT NGODINI SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Department of Education is pleased to confirm that normal teaching and learning activities have resumed at Ngodini Secondary School at Ehlanzeni District.

Learners are back in class, and academic programmes are progressing smoothly and without disruption.

This positive development follows a productive engagement between the Department, learners, educators, parents, and School Governing Body representatives to address and resolve critical issues affecting the school.

Concerns raised during these discussions included the alleged mismanagement of school funds, theft of National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) food, poor collaboration between the School Governing Body and the principal, and reports of sexual harassment are receiving the attention of the Department.

The Department urge all members of the school community to cooperate with the ongoing processes and support efforts to maintain stability in the school environment by ensuring uninterrupted learning and teaching environment.

Despite recent disruptions, Ngodini Secondary School has shown commendable academic progress, achieving an 84% pass rate in the 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations an impressive improvement from 70.9% pass rate registered in 2023.

However, continued interruptions could hinder the school's ability to complete the curriculum on time and negatively affect learner outcomes.

The Department, therefore, appeals for calm and collective responsibility in safeguarding the right to education for all.

The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, reiterates her call for school communities to address challenges through established, constructive platforms rather than disrupting teaching and learning. Constructive engagements, dialogue and collaboration remain our strongest conflict resolution mechanism for lasting peace in every work place.

The Department is monitoring the situation very closely.

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