



## **THE EDITORS/JOURNALISTS**

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

**01 MARCH 2025**

### **THE DEPARTMENT DISMAYED BY THE FIRE INCIDENT AT DUMELANI SECONDARY SCHOOL**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is deeply dismayed to learn of the fire that broke out at Dumelani Secondary School in Thembisile Hani West Circuit in Mathysensloop in Nkangala District.

It is said that this incident happened in the early hours of Saturday, 01 March 2025 and the preliminary reports indicate that the entire administration block was completely gutted by the fire.

In response, the Department has instructed officials from the Infrastructure Directorate to assess the damage and provide a comprehensive report detailing the necessary steps for recovery and restoration.

A case of arson has been filed with the Kwaggafontein Police Station, who will investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In the meantime, the Department will work closely with the school management team and the School Governing Body (SGB) to ensure that teaching and learning are not disrupted by this unfortunate event.

The situation at the school is being monitored closely.

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**02 MARCH 2025**

### **MEC DLAMINI TO VISIT NHLABATHI SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY**

The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, will visit Thomas Nhlabathi Secondary School at Embalehle Township in Secunda, Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, tomorrow, Monday, 03 March 2025 at 11H00.

This visit follows a tragic incident in which a learner succumbed to injuries sustained after being stabbed by a fellow learner on school premises Thursday afternoon.

The MEC will during this visit receive a detailed report on the circumstances surrounding the incident and offer support to the grieving family during this heartbreaking time.

The Department condemns in the strongest possible terms all forms of violence, bullying, and the trafficking of weapons in schools.

No learner should ever feel threatened or unsafe in a space that is meant for learning and teaching .

Officials from the Inclusive Education and Wellness Section have been deployed to the school as well to provide psychosocial support to those affected by this tragic incident.

The Department extends its deepest condolences to the family of the late learner. Our thoughts are with them as they mourn this unimaginable loss.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.

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## **NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS**

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

**16 MARCH 2025**

#### **MEC DLAMINI TO MEET WITH BOHLABELA DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM , STAFF AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, will convene a meeting with the Bohlabela District Management, Staff and School Principals at the Bohlabela District Offices in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality tomorrow, Monday, 17 March 2025 from 09H00.

This is part of the series of meetings which will take place in all the District intended to take stock of the delivery of quality learning and teaching in each of the District within the Province.

The meetings will focus on the implementation of the 2025 Learner Improvement Plan looking at milestones and areas that still need attention.

It is going to be an open meeting where participants will be encouraged to hear their views and suggestions.

The ultimate goal is to ensure that there is improvement of learner performance as well as the conditions for learning and teaching in each District.

Bohlabela District recorded 78.6% pass rate in the 2024 Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination Results which is a 9.5% improvement from the 69.1% pass rate obtained in 2023.

It is envisaged that Bohlabela District will further improve its performance to reach the Provincial target.

The media is invited to attend and cover this meeting.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS**

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

**17 MARCH 2025**

### **THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF A GRADE 12 LEARNER**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Banele Zwane, a 20-year-old Grade 12 learner from Lisushwana High School in Dundonald, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.

Tragically, Banele was struck by a scholar transport bus while walking with a schoolmate en route to school this morning, Monday, 17 March 2025, at approximately 07H00

According to the preliminary report from the school, an eyewitness indicated that the bus came from behind the two boys and struck Banele, who was walking on the right side of the road.

A case of culpable homicide has been opened at Biskop Police Station. The department will await the police report that will provide further details on the cause of this devastating incident.

On behalf of the Department, the MEC for Education has extended her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, relatives, close friends, and the entire school community.

The department will also deploy officials from the inclusive education and wellness section to provide psychosocial support to the family of the deceased and those affected by this profoundly sad event.

Inquiries may be directed to Jasper Zwane at 083 743 1804 or Gerald Sambo at 081 526 7802.



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Dear colleagues

Please be advised that The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, will convene a meeting with the Gert Sibande District MANAGEMENT, Staff and School Principals at Weselton Primary School in Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local Municipality tomorrow, Thursday, 20 March 2025 from 09H00.

This is part of the series of meetings which will take place in all the District intended to take stock of the delivery of quality learning and teaching in each of the District within the Province.

The media is invited



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

**20 MARCH 2025**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING DISTURBING VIDEO CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is deeply concerned over a video circulating on social media, which depicts an allegedly racially discriminatory incident at Laerskool Middelburg in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The said video features an audio recording of an individual, who is likely to be a school administrator or official from the school informing a parent seeking admission for her child for the 2026 school year, that black children are not allowed to attend in that school.

The Department takes this matter very serious and will be reaching out to the parent involved to initiate a thorough investigation into the incident.

The South African Constitution, adopted in 1996, is the supreme law of the Republic. Section 29 guarantees the right to basic education, including adult basic education, and the right to further education, which the state must progressively make available and accessible.

All public schools within the province are open and accessible to all children, regardless of race, colour, or religious belief.

Further details regarding this matter will be made available to the public once the investigation is completed.

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## **TO THE NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS**

## **FEOM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**23 MARCH 2025**

## **MEC DLAMINI MEETING WITH ALL PRINCIPALS OF EHLANZENI DISTRICT**

The MEC for Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, will convene a meeting with the Ehlanzeni District Management and school principals at Ho"erskool Nelspruit in the City of Mbombela Local Municipality tomorrow, Monday, 24 March 2025, commencing at 09H00.

This meeting is part of the MEC's District Roadshows which aims to enhance the learning and teaching in the Province.

This meeting also serves to take stock of the implementation of the 2025 Learner Performance Improvement Plans and to provide a platform for principals to share their suggestions, concerns with the leadership of the Department.

,In addition, the meetings will analyse the district's overall performance across all grades, identify areas for improvement, and devise targeted intervention programs.

Ehlanzeni District is the overall best performing district in the Province having registered an impressive 88.4% pass rate following the 2024 Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination Results.

The media is cordially invited to attend and cover the meeting.

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

**30 MARCH 2025**

### **MEC DLAMINI TO OFFICIATE ON THE DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Ms. Cathy Dlamini, will officiate the Department's two-day Strategic Planning Workshop at Anew Hotel White River, from Monday, 31 March to Tuesday, 1 April 2025.

This pivotal workshop will focus on finalizing the Departmental Strategic Plan and the 2025/26 Annual Performance Plan.

These plans will serve as the bedrock for the Department's delivery framework, guiding future initiatives and ensuring effective service delivery in the education sector.

The workshop will bring together senior managers, key education stakeholders, including education sector unions, associations of school governing bodies, and representatives from sister departments, to collaborate and align on strategic priorities and goals for the upcoming years.

This collective approach will ensure that the Department's plans are both comprehensive and responsive to the needs of the education system and the communities it serves and are in line with the dictates of the National Development Plan 2030.

The media is invited to cover the occasion.

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