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FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NECT PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENT ON LEARNING GAPS

The Mpumalanga Department of Education in collaboration with the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) will host a Provincial Multi-Sector Dialogue on Learning and Teaching Gaps.

This will take place on Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at the Emakhazeni Boarding School in Nkangala District from 09H00.

The intention of this Dialogue is to present the Rapid Appraisal on persist learning gaps, driven by systemic inequality, socio-economic pressures, curriculum disruptions and uneven access to quality teaching and learning resources and utilization of teaching time.

This follows a rapid assessment conducted by NECT in 15 Districts on curriculum and skills coverage in grade 4 and 9 which demonstrated that learning gaps are not only the result of what learners know and can do but are being reinforced by day to day implementation realities in schools and classrooms

The Dialogue therefore serves as a vital platform for engaging with various stakeholders, including Provincial Department Officials, Teacher Unions, Association of School Governing Bodies, District Steering Committees, and Civil Society.

Participants will engage in discussions aimed at:

- Deepening understanding of the drivers contributing to learning gaps.
- Identifying practical implementation challenges at local levels.
- Generating actionable insights that can be tailored to specific contexts.

This Dialogue is a critical step in translating national priorities into localized actions that resonate with the realities faced in our classrooms.”

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Officials from the Department led by the Head :Education, Mrs Lucy Moyane

The media is invited to attend and cover this dialogue that will shape the future of education in Mpumalanga.

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