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SUBJECT : READY TO START THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is ready to start the 2012 school year as schools re-open on Wednesday.

Encouraged by the **8%** improvement of the 2011 Grade 12 results and being the most improved province in the country having obtained an overall pass rate of **64.8%**, the Department has already put in place measures to ensure that there are no glitches and that teaching and learning takes place on the first day of schools reopening.

Learning and Teaching Support Material has been procured and delivered to all schools.

Appointment of temporary educators into permanent positions was finalised on 09 December 2011 and the post provisioning norms for schools were distributed last year.

Advocacy for the admission of learners started in August 2011 and the majority of parents responded accordingly.

Currently, the Department is addressing critical cases which include instances where parents relocated from one area to another during the past holidays.

The Department has established **District Admission Teams** to collaborate with parents to ensure that these matters are concluded speedily. The teams can be contacted as follows:

District	Name of the Official	Contact Numbers
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The schools which were **damaged by storms** last year at Nkomazi Municipality are currently being fixed and will be ready for use this week.

The Department had already procured and dispatched **mobile classes** to these schools last year to ensure that come Wednesday teaching and learning proceeds uninterrupted.

Two **Boarding Schools** (*Zakheni in Driefontein and Shongwe at KaMhlushwa*) which were constructed to take care of the multi - graded schools (Small Schools) will be operational for the first time on 18 January 2012.

We are of a strong view that teaching and learning will start without any glitches.

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