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DEPARTMENT: EDUCATION  
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

**TO : NEWS EDITORS**

**FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**DATE : 27 OCTOBER 2014**

**SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT SATISFIED WITH THE FIRST DAY OF EXAMINATIONS**

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The Mpumalanga Department of Education is satisfied with the way in which the examinations have started today. There were no challenges that were reported throughout the province.

The Department takes this time to express its appreciation to all who made it possible for the smooth running of this important examination.

The Department is hopeful that the same trend will unfold until the last day of the examination. In this regard, the Department continue to make a clarion call to all communities and parents to support their children and ensure that there is nothing that diverts their attention from their studies.

### **Psychological Guidance and Support**

The Department has established a team that will render psychological guidance and support for learners and their parents should there be a need. Should a parent observe the following unusual common signs and symptoms from their children behaviour they are requested to contact the Department on the contacts given below:

- Non-participation in routine activities.
- Irritability (short-tempered/ aggressiveness).
- Negative thoughts.
- Physical pains (headache, back pain, aching muscles, stomach pains).
- Sleeping disorder (short-lived sleep or oversleep).
- Eating disorder (loss of appetite or can't stop eating).
- Talking about killing or harming oneself.
- Acting recklessly.



- Calling or visiting people to say goodbye.
- Belittling oneself.
- Switching from unhappiness to happiness (with a short space of time).

***Departmental contact details for Psychological Guidance and Social Support***

District	Official	Contact number
1. Head Office	Ms. PN Mbatha	013 766 5844 0837699772
2. Ehlanzeni	Dr. MA Mdhluli	013 766 0429
3. Bohlabela	Mr. A Mndawe	013 766 7465
4. Nkangala	Mr. E Manasoe	013 947 1521
5. Gert Sibande	Dr. JM Eesterhuizen	017 801 5147

Parents and learners are requested to contact these officials so that they can receive the guidance and support they deserve.

The results of the 2014 grade 12 examination will be announced on **06 January 2015**.

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