



**TO : THE NEWS EDITORS**

**FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**SUBJECT : THE MEC'S PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAMME**

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1. The supplementary examinations commenced yesterday, 16 February 2015 with learners writing Computer Applications Tech paper 1, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Tamal, Telegu, Arabic, French, Italian, Spanish, Modern Greek and Latin.

According to the reports received the writing of the supplementary examinations started very well without any glitches and the Department has put systems in place to ensure that they progress seamlessly until the learners write their final paper.

At the announcement of the 2014 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Results, the Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Moshekga indicated that the 2014 cohort that qualified for supplementary examinations would receive special support during their examinations.

In the light of the pronouncement by the minister, the Mpumalanga Department of Education has put in place support mechanisms which include the following;

- The Dial a Tutor Program whereby learners can participate by dialing **087 805 1350** from Monday to Thursday at 18h00 until 20h00 and they are linked with a relevant curriculum specialist who is readily available to assist those experiencing challenges during their studies.

When the learners dial this number, it will hang up and phone back to ensure that they do not incur cost.

- The learners can also benefit from the radio lessons on Ligwalagwala FM every Tuesday to Thursday at 14H30 – 15H00, Ikwewezi FM every Thursday at 15H00 – 15H30 and Community Radio Stations every Monday to Thursday 15H00 – 15H30. The lessons will last for the duration of the supplementary examination session and beyond.
2. The Mpumalanga Department of Education in collaboration with the Moral Regeneration Movement will on **17 February 2015 (Today), 15H00** at Ingwenyama Lodge, White River in Mbombela, convene a prayer meeting to encourage the provincial community to pray for the delivery of quality education in the province.

**The objectives of this programme are to:**

- To ensure that religious leaders participate actively in the improvement of education in the province.
  - To encourage the religious community to take school matters at heart.
  - To inculcate a culture of collaboration between schools and religious communities.
  - To ensure that schools are supported and motivated throughout the year by the religious community.
3. On **20 February 2015, 10H00 in Acornhoek**, the Minister of Basic Education Mrs. Angie Motshekga and the MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule in partnership with the Buffelshoek Trust and Vodacom Foundation will officially handover Acorn to Oaks High School.

The school has 13 Educators and will cater for 434 learners in and around Acornhoek. Its facilities include the following; 12 Classrooms, 04 Ablution blocks, Computer Centre, Science Laboratory, Administration Block Library and a School Hall.

**All media is invited**

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