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## MPUMALANGA SCHOOLS RE-OPEN WITHOUT GLITCHES

The MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule is satisfied with the manner in which the re-opening of schools in the 2017 second quarter has commenced.

Teaching and learning went very well in almost all schools within the province. To this effect, the Department wishes to extend its appreciation to the school management teams, school governing bodies, teachers, leaners and to all stakeholders or individuals who play a meaningful role in the delivery of education in the province.

MEC Mhaule visited two schools, Rindzane Secondary School and Skapandoda Secondary School, both schools displayed leaners who were eager to start with the process of learning. Equally, teachers were seen to be ready to face the bull by its horns.

The MEC was satisfied with the reports from the two schools, including that of the entire circuit regarding the school based intervention programmes that were implemented by individual schools within the circuit before the Easter weekend.

"The indication is that the majority of the schools made effort to cover for the lost time and judging by their reports and todays display, I want to believe that the schools will achieve their set targets at the end of the year. The Department will still monitor Marite Circuit very closely, while offering them the required support where possible.

I am also very grateful to all teachers who volunteered their time to participate in the school based intervention programmes. Siyabonga Kakhulu." Said MEC Mhaule.

The MEC added that what was more encouraging is that there were no negative reports received throughout the province.

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