TO : THE NEWS EDITOR
FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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ONLY 69 DAYS TO GO BEFORE THE 2014 GRADE 12 EXAMINATIONS

There is only 69 days left for learners to prepare themselves for the upcoming 2014 grade 12 examinations. The Mpumalanga Department of education would like to encourage all learners who have registered to write the 2014 grade 12 examinations to commit themselves vigorously in their studies.

*We would like to urge all our learners to also take advantage of the intervention programmes put in place by the Department together with its partners. These programmes have been initiated to help the learners who may experience challenges during their studies.* Said the MEC, Mrs Reginah Mhaule.

The interventions include the radio lessons which feature as follows;

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<th>Radio Stations</th>
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<td>Ikwekwezi FM</td>
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<td>Ligwalagwala FM</td>
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<td>BCR, K Radio, Radio Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi Community Radio, Emalahleni Community Radio, Greater Middleburg Community Radio, Moutse Community radio and Nkangala Community Radio.</td>
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The Department has also established the dial –a- tutor programme which allows the learners to interact with curriculum implementers during their studies. The dial a tutor programme is able to link the learners with various curriculum specialists by dialling **087 805 1350** on their mobile phones.
The system hangs up and automatically calls back the number whereby the learner is then directed to the correct curriculum specialist. Due to some technical challenges the text a tutor programme will only start operating by the beginning October 2014.

_I would like to also encourage all our schools to participate in the morning, afternoon and Saturday classes as this will give the learners enough time to cover all their work and do revisions with the assistance of their educators and fellow learners._ Said the MEC.

The department has also successfully conducted the June winter classes in 58 Centres around the Province with about 5 600 learners in attendance.

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