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TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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DIRECTIVE ON MAKING SCHOOLS AVAILABLE FOR USAGE BY THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION (IEC)

Since the country is having the all-important National and Provincial Elections from 27 – 29 May 2024 and some of the schools have been identified and designated as voting stations (VDs).

The Department has granted permission for these schools to be utilised for purposes of fulfilling the national mandate of elections. District Directors, Circuit Managers, Principals of affected schools and School Governing Bodies (SGBs) are hereby directed to make schools available for use as Voting Stations by the IEC.

The Schools are directed to make available designated room/s for this purpose and discussions with the IEC Presiding Officers and their coordinators on the utilisation of the school facilities. The 27 and 28 May 2024, are dates for the special votes and schools may continue as normal with the IEC using the allocated space/rooms.

On the 29 May 2024, is national holiday for purposes of voting and the IEC will be responsible for school premises but a designated teacher or principal must make keys available for utilisation of school premises and its amenities.

Counting may continue up to the 30th May and the allocated room/s must continue to be made available for use by the IEC. Where tuition is halted, schools are requested to develop a learning recovery plan post the elections period.

All the identified and designated schools are directed to make the Elections a success and their cooperation will be highly appreciated.

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