

TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : THE DEPARTMENTAL CATCH UP PROGRAMME

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is implementing the following programmes as a means to catch up for the lost time for teaching and Learning:

- SABC Radio Support Programme
- Dial a Tutor Programme
- Saturday Classes and
- Spring Classes

SABC Radio Support Programme

SABC (Ikwekwezi FM and Ligwalagwala FM) in collaboration with the Department of Education is broadcasting daily lessons from **14H00 to 15H00** and from **21H00 to 21H45**. These slots are utilized to explain difficult concepts and to enrich content knowledge. Subject Specialists are deployed to talk about various subject content material of addressing recurring problems that learners face.

Parents, learners and educators are encouraged to tune in at all times.

Dial a Tutor Programme

This programme assists learners who may experience challenges while studying at home. Learners can dial the Departmental Toll Free line **0800 203 116** from **18H00 to 22H00** from **Monday to Thursday** to be linked with an expert Curriculum Specialist who will provide guidance on the spot.

Parents and educators are urged to encourage learners to use this service.

Saturday Classes

Currently, the Department is implementing Saturday classes to catch up for the lost time. Learners are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Afternoon and morning classes

The Department has provided learners and schools with previous question papers supplements during the winter school programme.

Schools are urged to have extra classes to recover the lost time by utilizing the supplements for revision and examination preparation.

Spring Classes

The Department will convene Spring Classes for Grade 12 learners from 27 September to 01 October 2010. This will add impetus in our quest to cover the lost time and to improve learner performance.

Parent involvement

Parents are urged to provide an enabling home environment for learners to focus on their studies. They must help to motivate learners and support them all the way.

The Grade 12 Examinations will start on the 25 October to the 03 December 2010.

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