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FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : STATE OF READINESS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS IN 2010

The Mpumalanga Department of Education has already put plans to ensure that the 2010 school year starts without glitches on 13 January 2010 when schools re-open.

The delivery of stationary to schools is at 96% and is expected to be finalised before the re-opening of schools. Learner activity books and teachers' guides for grade 1 to 12 have been procured and delivered. These activity books and teachers' guides replace those provided in 2004.

Due to the National Curriculum Statement Review, no new textbooks have been ordered for 2010 only top ups will be ordered in the second term of 2010.

70 000 learners will benefit from the Scholar Transport Programme and this programme is managed by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport.

The Department will continue to provide the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) for primary schools in quintile 1-3, and secondary schools in quintile one. Secondary schools that fall within quintile two will benefit from the NSNP from April 2010. **623 313** learners in **1494** schools are benefiting from this programme.

The Department has increased the **No Fee Schools** beneficiaries from 479,581 to 710,569 learners.

The province has employed **36 263** teachers and this means that the province does not have a shortage of teachers. However, the Department has set aside **200** posts to address critical teacher shortages in 2010. The teacher pupil ratio is standing at 1:29.



The Department is consolidating information on schools that have been damaged by storms. Working together with the Department of Public Works Roads and Transport, the Department will ensure that repairs are done to enable teaching and learning to take place under normal conditions. So far there are **62** schools that were damaged by storms last year. These include **15** schools in Bushbuckridge Region, **5** schools in Ehlanzeni Region, **34** Schools at Gert Sibande Region and **8** schools at Nkangala Region.

The admission of learners for the 2010 school year took place from August to October 2009. 98% of learners have been admitted already. Exceptions are due to relocation of parents and schools that reported to be fully enrolled schools with learners on a waiting list.

Indications from regions are that most schools in urban areas have closed admission and classes are already full especially in the Emalaheni, Mbombela and Mkhondo Municipality

The Department has established teams to assist parents and to address challenges of admission in the four regions and below are contact details of team leaders:

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The Department has already developed a deployment list for public representatives and officials who will visit schools on the first day of the re-opening (i.e. 13 January 2010).

The Department wishes the citizens of the province , educators, learners, officials and all who play a pivotal role in the delivery of education the best in 2010.

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