

TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : WINTER SCHOOL CLASSES TO START ON 21 JUNE 2010

The Mpumalanga Department of Education will convene Winter School Classes for Grade 12 learners from 21 June to 09 July 2010.

The intention of these classes is to consolidate what has been taught and learned to-date and to assist learners in dealing with difficult subject areas of the syllabus.

These winter classes will be conducted in 113 centres. Each Circuit will have two centres to mitigate transport related challenges.

Teachers who performed at 70% and above in their respective subjects in the 2009 Grade 12 examinations have been appointed to teach in the winter school classes.

35 000 learners have already registered to participate in these winter classes.

The winter classes are mandatory for all public schools which performed below 30% in the 2009 Grade 12 results.

Consultations with teacher unions, principals, school governing bodies and learners' formations have taken place to ensure active involvement and buy-in.

The Department will provide catering (Lunch) for participating learners.

In addition, the Department has established **The Dial- a- Tutor Programme** to provide support to learners who may experience challenges while studying at home.

Learners and parents can be assisted by dialing the departmental toll free number 0800 203 116 to be linked with an expert curriculum specialist who will give guidance on the spot.

The Department urges all learners to take advantage of this opportunity.

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