

**TO : NEWS EDITORS**  
**FROM : MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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**SUBJECT : MPUMALANGA PROVINCE INCREASED ITS NO FEE SCHOOLS TO 83%**

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The Mpumalanga Department of Education has increased the number of No Fee Schools from **1 416** to **1 604** in an endeavour to ensure that lack of funds are no a hindrance to access to Education.

This means that parents of **805 167** children will no longer be required to pay school fees.

These schools will receive their subsidies from the Department in installments by the end of May (50%), September (25%) and January (25%) each year.

This will ensure that these schools have the required funding to run their day to day teaching and learning activities.

In her Policy and Budget speech the MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule said, *"I am happy to announce that the Province has exceeded the benchmark of 60% set for 2014 as more than 83% of our schools are currently No Fee Schools."*

The Department has set aside **R70.5 million** to achieve this.

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