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**For immediate attention**

**MEC Kgetjepe instructed top management to improve service delivery**

The MEC for Education, Honourable Ishmael Kgetjepe led the Top Management Meeting of the Department yesterday. This is part of his regular meetings with the officials aiming at improving service delivery in the department.

“We need to improve on audit outcomes. The Department cannot stay in disclaimer results year after the other and this is the role of all of us” The MEC said. The MEC was referring to the past years that saw the Department repeatedly performing poorly on issues of auditing.

The MEC also indicated that the matter of non- payment of some temporary teachers who started working in April is unacceptable and there must be improvement in dealing with issues of employees’ compensation.

In this meeting, emphasis was also in the improvement of teachers training. Poor performing schools are also expected to develop and implement the Academic Development Plan annually to make sure they are out of the under-performing scales. Those schools that are not viable because of little enrolment are also to be merging for the benefit of the learners.

The plan to implement the resolutions of recent Education Summit that took place in Polokwane is ready. The Department is also stabilising learning and teaching in the violent affected Vuwani schools. In this area, schooling is continuing smooth and learners are getting ready for their final examinations.

Concerning the coming National Senior Certificate Examination (NSC) 2016, the MEC indicated he does not want any irregularity to happen. These include leaking of examination papers. “I do not want to see what happened last year in Vhembe to repeat again” He instructed. To avoid this all examination centres and the distribution points are under assessment and receiving security attention. Also under scrutiny are newly established examination centres.

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