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DEPARTMENTAL CIRCULAR NO 19 OF 2021

RETURN OF ALL PUBLIC ORDINARY PRIMARY AND PUBLIC SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO NORMAL / TRADITIONAL TEACHING AND LEARNING TIME-TABLE

On 19 May 2021, the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) approved the return of all Public Ordinary Primary and Public Special Schools to normal / traditional teaching and learning time-table with effect from 26 July 2021.

The CEM also approved the Amended Directions for the Return to School in line with decision to return all primary school learners and all learners in special schools. In line with the gazetted Directions, School Governing Bodies are urged to take cognizance of:

1. It is important that schools must be able to comply with COVID-19 Health Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures.
2. School attendance should be in line with a risk adjusted differentiated strategy that is determined by the direction the pandemic is taking in that particular district municipality and country.
3. Where a school is unable to return to traditional time-tabling model and daily attendance by all learners, the school must inform the HOD before the 30th June 2021. The school must provide reasons for their reason not to return to traditional time-tabling and must also put plans in place for the return of all learners.
4. The gazette is attached for ease of reference (see insertion 5A).

The CEM further took a decision to suspend all contact sporting activities for all schools. Please see Section 11 (1) (a) Sport and Extra Curricular activities in the gazette for list of contact sporting activities that are suspended.

Non-contact sporting activities are not suspended. A list thereof is captured in the gazette under 11 (1) (b).

You are therefore requested to prepare for the return of ALL learners as per the Directions.



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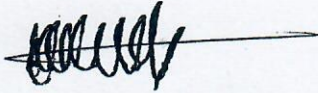
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Once more all learners, teachers, support staff and parents must be encouraged to continue to adhere to non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) of social distancing (10m in classrooms). Washing hands with soap, sanitizing and correct wearing of face masks. This will go a long way in the fight against COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. ML Matsemela (MPL)
MEC for Education

08/06/2021

DATE

Cc: *Mr JNT Mohlala (Administrator)*
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