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GAUTENG SUCCESSFULLY COMMENCES 2020 NSC EXAMS

The Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi expresses sincere gratitude to all officials who oversaw the successful first day of the 2020 NSC Examination process.

MEC Lesufi congratulates all learners, educators and staff for a job well done for the success of this first day of exams under this difficult time of Covid 19, we applaud all educators for the hard work they have put in during the year.

Today, 05 November 2020, marks the first day of the National Senior Certificate examinations, which concludes on 15 December 2020.

It is important to note that, all districts reported that question papers were collected on time from the districts and distribution points. Escorting of question papers from districts to nodal points was done without challenges. Accordingly, we didn't experience any major irregularity.

Two candidates from Gauteng North and Ekurhuleni North respectively, reported that they were Covid 19 positive and education officials in collaboration with the department of Health officials ensured that both candidates were afforded an opportunity to write their examination under controlled conditions.

The overall impression is that the examinations were administered with the high degree of integrity and credibility.

Gauteng Province did everything possible to ensure that learners are given the best possible advantage to do well in these examinations. These include the Secondary School Improvement Program (SSIP), the

Matric Revision Camps and subject specific interventions throughout the year.

We implore learners not to be distracted and focus on studying for their next papers, and wish them the very best of luck and success, and with all the hard work they going to continue to put, we trust that they will make themselves, their families and the department very proud.

Sadly, we received news that, a 17-year-old Grade 12 boy learner from Kagiso Secondary School, allegedly committed suicide at a friend's home yesterday, 04 November 2020 in the afternoon. Circumstances which led to this shocking incident are under investigation.

Our Psycho-Social team was dispatched to the school to provide necessary support to the school community and family.

“It is unfortunate and regrettable that a learner decided to take his own life. We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and the school community, during this difficult period of mourning” Said MEC Lesufi.

The department understands that examination anxiety and stress is likely to set in among some learners and hereby reminds learners in distress to contact Child line on their toll-free 0800 055 555 or 011 645 2000 (during working hours) for counselling assistance. Parents and members of the community are also urged to use these contact details for learner support.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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